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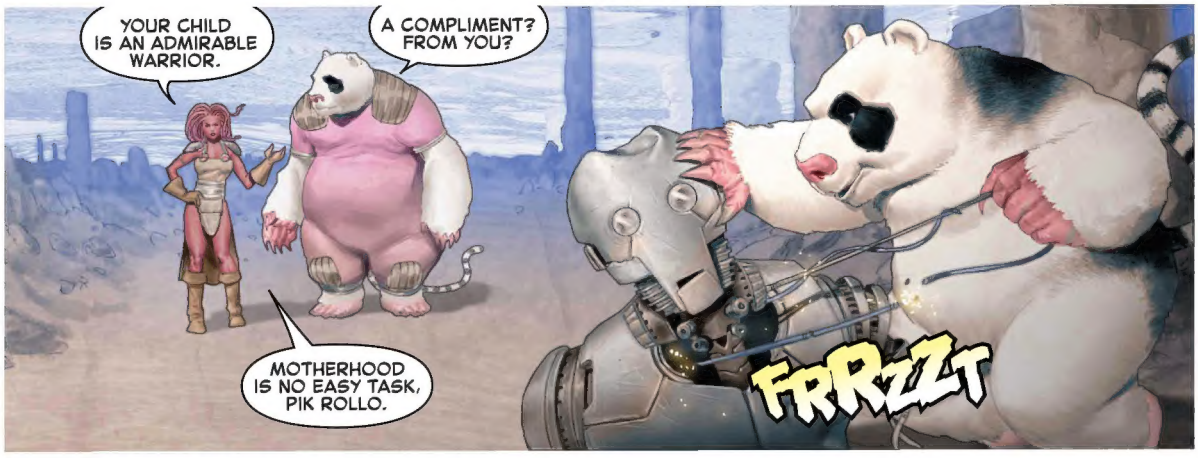
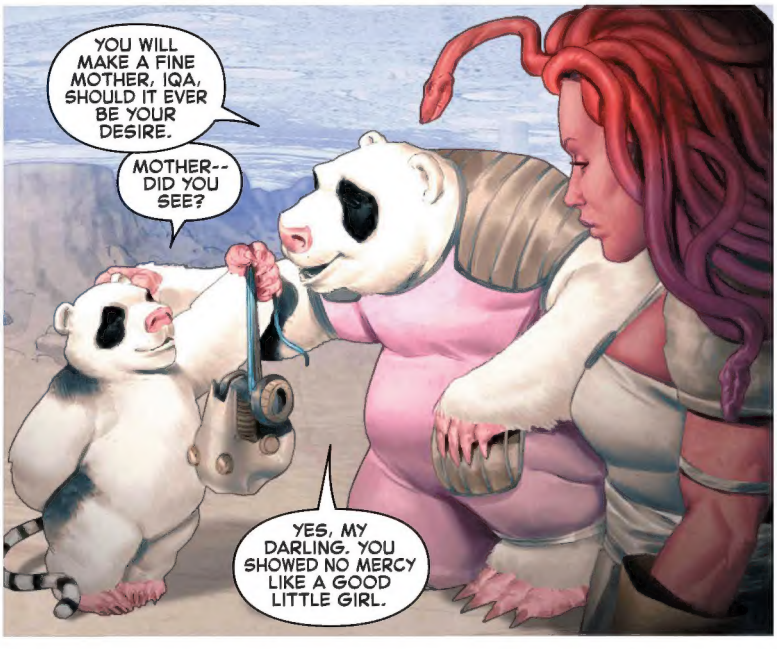
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS SCRIBBLING.
WHERE I'M FROM, SHIPS HAVE NAMES.
ARE THEY ALL THIS TERRIBLE?
HOW DARE YOU?
FOR ONCE, I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH IQA.
THANK YOU, PIK.
LET'S ALL AGREE ON ONE THING...
USS ENTER PRIZE
...IT'S NICE TO HAVE A NEW BOAT.
ESPECIALLY SINCE OURS IS DESTROYED.

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS VESSEL'S PREVIOUS OWNERS WILL MISS IT.
AUTOMATONS GONE MAD.
SUCK IT, SKYNET!
YOUR VICTORY CRIES ARE ALSO CONFUSING.
SKYNET. C'MON.
TOUGH PLANET.
HEY, 803, FINISH UP YOUR SALVAGE AND THEN LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
UNDERSTOOD, SIR!


YOUR CHILD IS AN ADMIRABLE WARRIOR.
A COMPLIMENT? FROM YOU?
MOTHERHOOD IS NO EASY TASK, PIK ROLLO.
FRRZZT

IT FRIGHTENS EVEN A SEASONED WARRIOR LIKE ME.


YOU WILL MAKE A FINE MOTHER, IQA, SHOULD IT EVER BE YOUR DESIRE.
MOTHER-- DID YOU SEE?
YES, MY DARLING. YOU SHOWED NO MERCY LIKE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL.

SIR?
LEMME GUESS, YOU DON'T LIKE THE SHIP NAME EITHER?
MY CONCERN IS NOT WITH YOUR FOOLISHLY NAMED SHIP. IT'S WITH THAT SHIP...
WHAT SHIP? OH.

THAT ONE.
ANY CHANCE THEY'RE FRIENDLY?
GIVEN OUR LUCK, DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?
THUMMMMMMM
FSSSSSSSS
GREETINGS, VENOM.

TARNA.
ALLY OR FOE?
SHE'S AN AGENT OF THE COSMOS LIKE ME. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE TRAINING ME.
ALLY. OR. FOE?
LITTLE OF BOTH. GIVE US A SEC.

COME TO TEACH ME THE WAYS OF THE FORCE?
THE AGENTS OF THE COSMOS ARE ACTUALLY...
...QUITE PLEASED WITH YOUR PROGRESS.

I'M BETTING THAT WASN'T EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA.
NONETHELESS, I MUST AGREE WITH THEM.

YOU HAVE SHOWN PATIENCE, BRILLIANCE, AND EVEN CREATIVITY WITH YOUR KLYNTAR. YOU ARE A WORTHY HOST.
OKAY, YOU'RE BEING TOO NICE. SKIP TO THE BAD. WHAT'S WRONG? DID I FORGET TO FILL OUT A TIME CARD, USE COARSE LANGUAGE--
YOU ARE NOT THE PROBLEM I HAVE COME TO ADDRESS, FLASH.
MAY WE SPEAK PRIVATELY?

OH, SO YOUR ISSUE IS WITH THEM? 'CAUSE MY CREW--
YOUR SELECTION OF COMPANIONS IS DUBIOUS, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE ISSUE.
I WISH TO SPEAK WITHOUT KLYNTAR.
WHOA.
YOU'RE A SKRULL?!
THIS UPSETS YOU?
SKRULLS AND FOLKS FROM EARTH HAVEN'T ALWAYS PLAYED WELL TOGETHER.
MY ALLEGIANCE IS TO THE COSMOS.
NOW, PLEASE. A MOMENT ALONE.

CURIOUS. ARE THEY GOING TO MATE?
I DON'T THINK SHE IS HIS TYPE.
SHE'S A SKRULL, SHE CAN BE ANYTHING HE DESIRES.
I WAS SPEAKING OF THE KLYNTAR. ARE THEY...?
NO. OR... MAYBE?
UNGH. MOMMMM.
SO, THAT'S YOUR REAL FORM?
CORRECT. I USE THE OTHER TO INTIMIDATE. NO DIFFERENT THAN YOUR PUFFY ARTIFICE.
PUFFY, HUH?
SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE ABLE TO WEAR OTHER PEOPLE'S FACES?
THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT.
FLASH. WE FELT A DEEPLY UPSETTING PULSE FROM YOUR KLYNTAR
WE FELT RAGE

YEAH, THAT'S ON ME. HE GOT TAKEN BY A JERK NAMED MERCURIO*, BUT HE'S FINE--
YES, WE KNOW WHEN OUR AGENTS FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
BUT THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST PULSE WE FELT
*AS SEEN IN ISSUES #5 AND #6 OF VENOM!
AND THE PULSE HAS ONLY GROWN SINCE THEN. THE RAGE HAS ONLY GROWN SINCE THEN.
WHAT? I HAVEN'T... I MEAN, HE HASN'T--
YOU HAVE BEEN SPENDING MORE TIME APART. HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH. THAT'S BAD?
NO--AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE TRAINED MY KLYNTAR IN THE SAME MANNER. BUT SEPARATION REQUIRES TRUST
AND YOUR KLYNTAR CANNOT BE TRUSTED.
HE HAS A NAME, YOU KNOW--
VENOM IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

FLASH, THE CLEANSING, IT'S NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE NOT ALL KLYNTARS EVEN SURVIVE IT
THOSE THAT DO MUST BE MONITORED FOR IMPURITIES
YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE NOT PURE?
NO. HE ISN'T PURE
SO WE DOUBLE DIP IT.
THAT IS NOT HOW THIS WORKS--
OKAY, FINE, I'LL TAKE A DIP, TOO--
WE WILL FIND YOU A REPLACEMENT--
REPLACE-- NO. IMPURE OR NOT, THAT'S MY FRIEND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
THIS IS NOT A NEGOTIATION.
AND THAT? IS NOT YOUR FRIEND
SO, WHAT HAPPENS? YOU TAKE HIM BACK TO THE KLYNTAR PLANET AND HE RETIRES?
NO.
HE IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE COSMOS

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A NICE WAY OF SAYING YOU'RE GONNA KILL MY FRIEND.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND BUT IT DOES NOT MATTER
THIS IS NOT A REQUEST.
YOU WANT HIM? YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME.
HM. PERHAPS THEY ARE MATING AFTER ALL.
I AM NOT CONVINCED YOU KNOW WHAT MATING ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE.

I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU.
YOU GOT A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING THAT.
ALLEGIANCE TO A SIMPLE KLYNTAR?
PERHAPS MY INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF YOU WAS CORRECT.
THEY'RE NOT TOOLS, TARNA.
ARE THEY... TRAINING...?
NO. TARNA HAS COME TO COLLECT YOU.
COLLECT ME?

YOU ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE COSMOS.
RETURNED IS AN AGREEABLE WAY OF SAYING DESTROYED, ISN'T IT?
IT IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK--
I'M DONE
THINNNKKKIINNNGGG!

THAT IS CLEARLY COMBAT.
YOU ARE NOT INCORRECT.
WE SHOULD ASSIST.
YOU HELP FLASH, I WILL HELP THE INKY PUDDLE.
WAIT HERE WITH 803, CHILD.
BUT MOMMM...
YOU MAY PLAY WITH WHAT'S LEFT.
ROOOAAAAR!
PREPARE FOR THE WRATH OF--

GUUHH!
STAND DOWN, SERPENT-HAIR

YOU HAVE MADE ME BLEED.
AT LAST, A TRUE CHALLENGE.

WHAM
LESS TRASH TALK. MORE PUNCHING.

HOW ABOUT KICKING?
AGH!

THIS RESISTANCE IS POINTLESS.
GRRRAAAAAHHHH!
GAAAAGH!
AAHH!
STAND
DOWN
STOP!

YOUUU WWANNNNT MEEEE?
TTTHHHHEENNNN TALLLKKK TOOO MMEEEEEEE!

KRACK!
AAAGHK!
HE'S... OUT...OF... CONTROL...
...STOP... PLEASE, VENOM, STOP!
SKREEEE!
RELEASE HER.
RELLEEASSE HERR, ABOOMMMINATION!

NOOWWW... COCCOME WITTH LISSSSS ANDDD--
AAIIIIEEEEEE!
NO!
VENOM... STOP... PLEASE...

GRRRRRGGGHH!
FWOOSH
RRAAAGGGGHHHH!
KA-THOOOM!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
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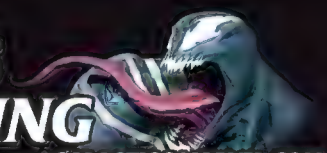
TONGUES ARE WAGGING



Correspondents of the Cosmos! Write to us at GALACTIC@MARVEL.COM and don't forget to mark your letters "OKAY TO PRINT"!

I just want to say how impressed I was with issue #4. As a HUGE fan of Venom and Flash Thompson I had really high expectations from this series. You guys blew right past all of those expectations and delivered an extremely solid series! I absolutely love it, and I am anxiously awaiting the next installment. I'm really interested in where the Klyntar's newly discovered powers will take us. Also, I have to comment on the art, it is absolutely stunning. Kudos to Ariel Olivetti.

P.S. This might be a little far-fetched (maybe not?), but will we see a blooming romance between Flash and Iqa?

Paul Moore.
Terre Haute, IN

P.P.S. This is a duplicate email but I was so excited as I was writing the first one that I forgot to include my name! Hopefully this doesn't hurt my chances of getting my letter printed!

Flash and Iqa -- what would their 'shipping name be? Flaqa? Iqash? We'll workshop it and see what plays best. If you like Iqa (and read this issue), then you'll be happy to know she's around and here to stay! And she most definitely has her eyes (and snake eyes) on Flash...

Just finished reading VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT #4 and all I have to say is wow! It just feels like this book is getting better and better. The funny part about this book is how 803 and Venom remind me of Invader Zim and GIR, but the hero versions of them. Lots of laughs and great action. Keep up the great work on this book. Maybe someday we will see Venom get his own movie!

Thanks,
Marvin Ramirez

Invader Zim and GIR are THE BEST! High praise and much appreciated. We love 803, too, and hope he does not self-destruct any time soon.

Dear Venom team,

I am very conflicted writing in to you guys today. On the one hand, I am glad Venom has his own comic post-SECRET WARS. But ever since he went to space, and definitely since the suit got "cleansed," I've found Venom to be a much less engaging character.

One of the great draws for me was that Flash was a person gifted with great power who wanted to do good, but the suit was a corrupting influence on him. The inner struggle he had with it was relatable for everyone reading it. Now this voice he has in his head and his suit being generally good doesn't feel the same. I am intrigued with the suit being its own character as shown in issue #4 here, but I am wary of where you guys are headed. I'm just not sure you're telling as interesting a story as you could be with this character. Is there any information you can reassure me with about the inner struggle motif returning? Or perhaps a more Earth-centric story coming up? I'm just uneasy about where this is going, but I am a die-hard Venom fan, so I'm here to stay for a while.

Best,
John

Appreciate the honesty, John -- and we agree: Flash is a complicated character who deserves a great story. And that's what we're setting out to give him -- and to your point, we do have an Earth-centric story coming up very soon which will tie back to Flash's recent past. Hope you stick with us!

Dear symbiote team,
I LOVE VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT! Agent Venom, CARNAGE, CARNAGE U.S.A., TOXIN, and all the other symbiote stories were great for being more dark and serious, and Agent Venom had some GREAT scary moments, but all those were CORRUPTED alien suits. The new and improved Venom gets to be just as creepy in his host-less form and yet he manages to get in some of the most hilarious moments. Space is indeed a crazy place. I am thrilled by these All New, All Different moments; KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Forever your venomous fan,
Alexander

"Venomous Fan;" that's perfect, Alexander! We're glad you're digging VENOM: SK, and hope you enjoy what's coming up next. HINT: There will be PUNCHING and SCARES.

OKAY TO PRINT!!!!!
Nothing wrong, guys, do it!!!
Cover is too dope!
Sent from my iPhone

Jesus

THANK YOU, JESUS!

Wow, the artwork in this series is fantastic! I was so impressed with Ariel Olivetti that I had to look him up to find out what other comics he had drawn. To my surprise, he is not a female and he has been at Marvel for a very long time. What rock have I been living under? In a time where cartoonish characters drawn in a 16-color palette seem to be the rage, his beautiful and vibrant graphics are a pleasure to look at and enjoy. Time to start my new sub-collection...Art by Ariel Olivetti.

Charles
Baltimore, MD

Ariel's work is vast and fantastic -- be sure to check out the Punisher work he did with Matt Fraction.

Hey Guys!

I just finished issue #5 and I can't possibly wait five more weeks to see where this arc takes us. With the new partnership Flash and the Klyntar have formed, I was shocked to see that Mercurio could so easily bond with the symbiote. Will we see an internal struggle within the Klyntar? Will it struggle to be loyal to Flash with its newfound power in Mercurio? I'm having a hard time wrapping my mind around this one! One can assume that Flash will be calling on the Klyntar-wielding Agents of the Cosmos that we met in issue #2 for assistance. I can't imagine how much disappointment Tarna will show when she finds out Flash lost his Klyntar to a villain! I'm hoping he will have a chance to redeem himself and that hopefully Tarna will start to show some approval of our hero. Also, where does this leave Pik and Flash? I was really starting to enjoy their partnership. At this point, I'm not sure they will continue to have one after this ordeal is over.

Thanks for delivering an awesome series! I'm looking forward to many more issues.

Paul Moore

You'll definitely be seeing more of Tarna in the coming issues of VENOM: SK, Paul. As for Pik Rollo, we're not letting that Space Bear go anywhere -- bring on the Space Bear spin-off and merchandise and cosplay!

Hey Venom team,

I've been a fan of Flash Thompson as Venom ever since I read Rick Remender's run on the character and I'm really enjoying this run.

Two questions, however:

1) Will Flash ever return to Earth? (Not gonna lie, even though I love the cosmic stuff, I kinda miss it.)
2) Since this is a solo series, does that mean he leaves the Guardians of the Galaxy? When does this series occur in the timeline?

All the way from the UK,
Adam

Adam from the UK:

1. YES!
2. NO! VENOM: SK is Flash's adventures in between his adventures in GOTG.

All right, gang -- thanks so much for all your letters and kind words. Drop us a line and let us know what you think of this issue, and if you've drawn anything inspired by this book, we wanna see it!

Cheers,
Robbie Thompson and Team Venom

Also, sadly, this will be our fond farewell to our incredible artist ARIEL OLIVETTI, who is departing to go do some other super-cool projects. We'll miss him terribly, but we are also terribly excited to see what he does next! And while we cannot thank Ariel enough for the STELLAR (pun INTENDED!) work he did on this series, we're very excited to have the awesome KIM JACINTO coming on board the VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT train! The pages he's turned in already are frightening and beautiful, you're going to love them! See you next issue, where things get downright scary!

Jake T.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

DON'T MISS VENOM SPACE KNIGHT #8

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Just as Flash Thompson and his friends were celebrating another successful mission, Tarna, his Agent of the Cosmos mentor, reappeared. Despite her reservations, Flash had become an exemplary agent, but she claimed Flash's partner, Venom, was not only still unclean, but beyond help. She insisted on taking Venom for PERMANENT DECOMMISSION. Agent fought agent, and Klyntar fought Klyntar. Finally, Venom left no doubt about his troubled state: he slashed the other symbiote and left it for dead as he fled on a stolen ship.

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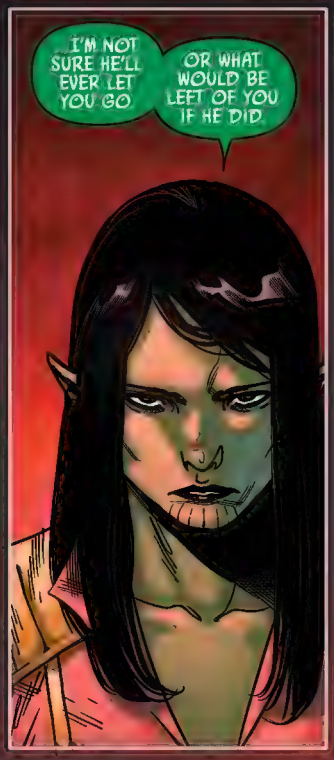
FLASH, WHAT HAPPENED HERE...AND ON THE OTHER PLANETS...
...YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THESE FOUL ACTIONS.
IQA IS RIGHT. THIS IS NOT ON YOU
APPRECIATE THE KIND WORDS, GANG. BUT VENOM'S SENDING ME A MESSAGE.
AND THAT MESSAGE IS PRETTY CLEAR...

...THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

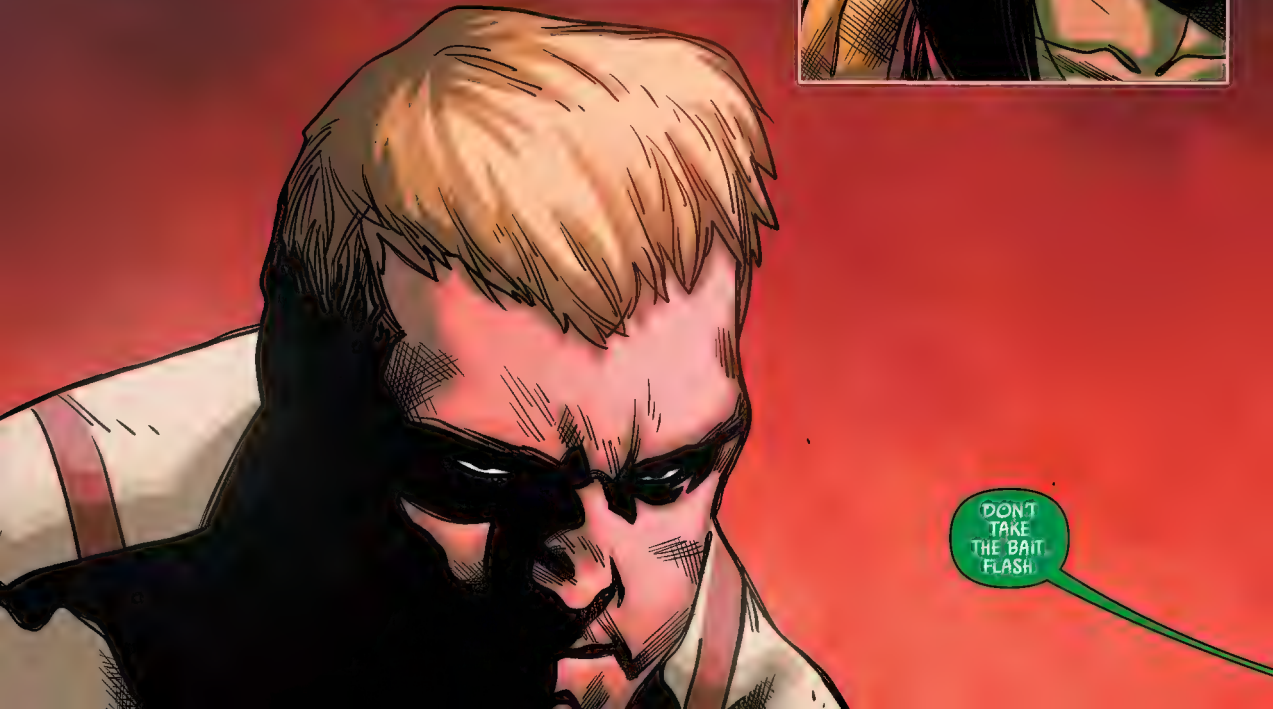
SO, YOUR PARTNER IS WRONGING PREVIOUS RIGHTS?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
BUT WHY?
TO WHAT END?
BEST GUESS? HE'S TRYING TO SHOW ME WHAT HE BELIEVES HE TRULY IS...
...AN AGENT OF CHAOS, NOT THE COSMOS.
I HAVE CONTACTED THE AGENTS OF THE COSMOS. THEY WILL LOOK IN ON THE OTHER PLANETS, PROVIDE CARE AND CLEANUP WHERE IT IS NEEDED.
THANKS, TARNA. NOW WE CAN FOCUS ON FINDING VENOM.
FLASH. PERHAPS IT'S BEST YOU STAY AWAY FROM VENOM. LEAVE THIS HUNT TO ME AND YOUR FRIENDS.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU DESTROY HIM, TARNA, NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DONE.

DESTROY? I'M JUST TRYING TO CONTAIN HIM.
AND IN HIS CURRENT STATE, IF HE GETS HIS HANDS ON YOU...


I'M NOT SURE HE'LL EVER LET YOU GO.
OR WHAT WOULD BE LEFT OF YOU IF HE DID.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CORRUPTED KLYNTAR ARE NOT JUST CORROSIVE TO THEMSELVES.
THEY CORRUPT THE HOST AS WELL. YOU'VE SEEN THIS, I'M SURE. FELT IT.

I KNOW YOU CARE FOR THIS KLYNTAR.
BUT VENOM HAS GONE DARK.
AND HE'S CLEARLY CALLING YOU OUT.


DON'T TAKE THE BAIT, FLASH.

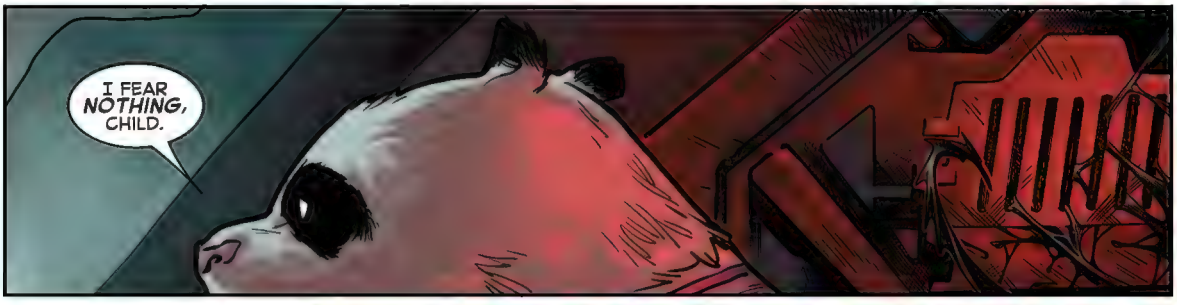
SIR, I BELIEVE I MAY HAVE FOUND VENOM.
LEMME GUESS, HE'S HIT ANOTHER PLANET WE SAVED.
NO. HE'S ON A PLEASURE PLANET.
HE IS TAKING IN A HOLIDAY? WHAT A CURIOUS CREATURE.
803, SET A COURSE FOR THAT PLANET.
FLASH, PLEASE--
TARNA, I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY FOR WHAT VENOM DID TO YOU, TO YOUR KLYNTAR--
HE'LL HEAL, SO WILL I BUT--
I'M NOT LETTING VENOM HURT ANYONE ELSE. THIS IS ON ME. AND I'M GONNA STOP HIM.
ANYONE GETS IN MY WAY IS GONNA HAVE A PROBLEM.

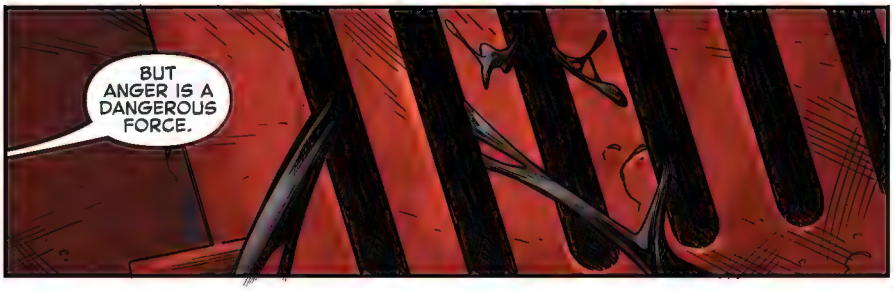
DAMN THING JUST CAME IN OUTTA NOWHERE.
DIDN'T SAY A THING, JUST STARTED BUSTING UP THE JOINT.
ANYBODY GOT IN ITS WAY...GOT PUT DOWN.
THEN HE DRANK EVERYTHING IN THE WHOLE DAMN PLACE.
EXCEPT FOR THIS.

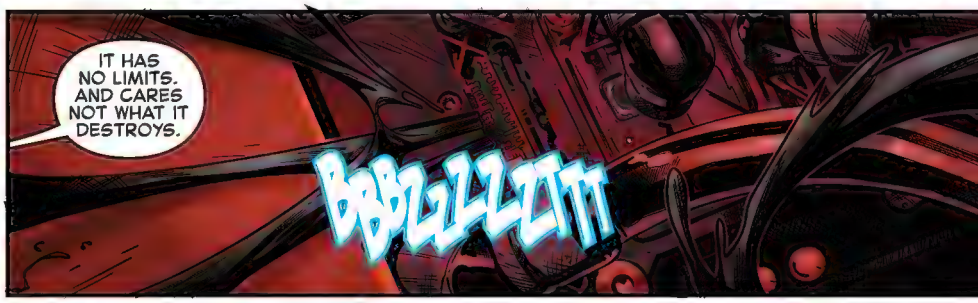
CHEAPEST BOTTLE IN THE WHOLE JOINT.
HE SAID HE LEFT THE BEST FOR HIS DRINKING BUDDY.
WOULD THAT BE ONE A YOU GUYS?
WE ARE SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE THAT WAS CAUSED. PLEASE KNOW THAT THE AGENTS OF THE COSMOS WILL RECOMPENSE ANY AND ALL DAMAGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
FLASH? FLASH?
KRASH

FLASH, I AM SORRY, BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT--
TARNA, STOP. I'M NOT GONNA--
YOU HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM.

MOTHER, WHEN WILL WE BATTLE AGAIN?
GIVEN WHAT WE ARE CHASING? I HOPE NOT FOR A WHILE...
DO YOU FEAR THIS KLYNTAR?


I FEAR *NOTHING*, CHILD.


BUT ANGER IS A DANGEROUS FORCE.


IT HAS NO LIMITS. AND CARES NOT WHAT IT DESTROYS.
BBBLLLLLLTT

I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM THE MONSTER, MOTHER.
THAT'S MY GIRL.
GET DOWN!
SMASH!
SSSTTTAAAYYYYY

I HEAR YOUR CONCERNS, BUT--
FLASH, WAIT--
THIS ISN'T A DEBATE, TARNA--
LOOK OUT!
FLLASSHHH
FEEELLINGGG THIRRRSSSTYY...?
HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

GAAAH!
ITTT'SSS GOOOODD TTOOO BEEE MEEE AGGGAAAINNNN!
BBBUUTTT III'VVEE MISSSED YOUUU, FLASSSSHHH!
YOU'RE A CORRUPT ABOMINATION!
CORRRUPPPT?! I'LL SHOW YOU COORRRUPTTTIOOONNN!

GGGGRRDDDDAHHH!

LEAVING ACTUALLY SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD-- HHRRRK!

BOOM!

TARNA!

WOOSH!

UNHAND HER, BEAST!

RRRRAAAAAAAAAAA!

FLASH, LOOK OUT--

OOF!

WHACK!

FALL BACK. IT'S ME HE WANTS.

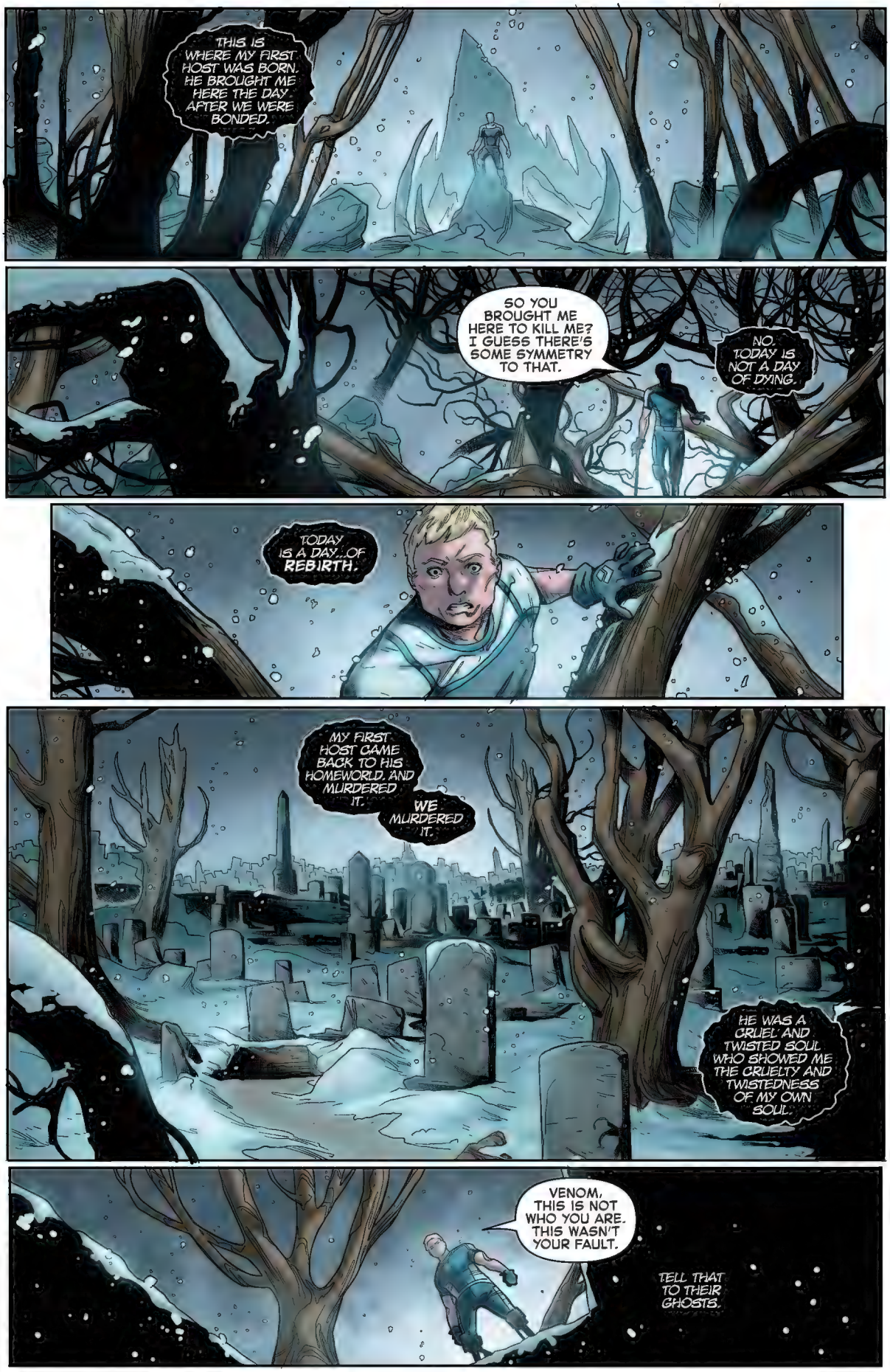
WE ARE NOT LEAVING YOU, FLASH.

WAIT, FLASH-- DON'T GO AFTER HIM!
PLEASE, VENOM!
STOP!
STOP WHILE YOU CAN.
FSSSHHHHH!

SHOOOOOMMMMMM!
PLEASE TELL ME FLASH IS NOT ON THAT SHIP.
I AM AFRAID HE IS...
AND OUR SHIP HAS BEEN DAMAGED.
WE CANNOT FOLLOW THEM.
TARNA... WHAT DO WE DO?
IF YOU HAVE GODS...
...PRAY TO THEM.

I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SHOW YOU THE TRUTH, FLASH.
SHOW YOU WHAT I TRULY AM.
WHAT YOU TRULY ARE.
MANUAL OVERRIDE DISABLED.
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU TAKING US, VENOM?
TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

THE NORTH POLE? YOU'RE SANTA. THAT'S WHO YOU REALLY ARE?
NO TIME FOR HUMOR, FLASH. NOT NOW.
THEN WHAT *IS* THERE TIME FOR?
TO FOLLOW THE PATH.
THE PATH WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON.
THE PATH HOME.


THIS IS WHERE MY FIRST HOST WAS BORN. HE BROUGHT ME HERE THE DAY AFTER WE WERE BONDED.
SO YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO KILL ME? I GUESS THERE'S SOME SYMMETRY TO THAT.
NO. TODAY IS NOT A DAY OF DYING.
TODAY IS A DAY...OF REBIRTH.
MY FIRST HOST CAME BACK TO HIS HOMEWORLD. AND MURDERED IT.
WE MURDERED IT.
HE WAS A CRUEL AND TWISTED SOUL WHO SHOWED ME THE CRUELTY AND TWISTEDNESS OF MY OWN SOUL.
VENOM, THIS IS NOT WHO YOU ARE. THIS WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
TELL THAT TO THEIR GHOSTS.

THIS... THIS IS WHO WE REALLY ARE. WHAT. WE REALLY ARE.
AGENTS OF DEATH. NOT THE COSMOS.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SELFLESS.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN KIND.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN VENOM.

NOW IT'S TIME TO ACCEPT YOUR FATE...
FLASH THOMPSON
...AND ACHIEVE YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL.
NO, PLEASE!
FLASH THOMPSON IS DEAD.
LONG LIVE VENOM
TO BE CONTINUED!

TONGUES ARE WAGGING

Correspondents of the Cosmos! Write to us at GALACTIC@MARVEL.COM and don't forget to mark your letters "OKAY TO PRINT"!

Hey, Venomites!

We've gotten some really lovely responses from you all as we recently wrapped up our first arc and moved into an all-new era of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT. And boy howdy, the stuff we have planned for our hero and his crew...I think you're going to love it.

In the meantime, I'll turn these letters over to writer-extraordinaire Robbie Thompson. Take it away, Robbie!

I am very pleased to see that this title will have a letters page (assuming, of course, that I am not the only person to write in!). I am a big fan of Flash as Venom (and I have been since the issues of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN where he first bonded with the symbiote as "Agent Venom") and I am thoroughly enjoying this volume as it explores how Flash (and the symbiote) cope in an unfamiliar environment.

I am greatly enjoying seeing Flash as an Agent of the Cosmos, but with that said, there is ONE dangling thread left over from Rick Remender's run on VENOM, and that is: Whatever happened to the character Mania (who was, briefly, a partner/sidekick to Flash)? Is there any chance that this volume may have Flash touching base with Earth and reuniting with this potential prodigy?

For that matter, it would be interesting to see how Flash's relationship with Betty Brant has changed, too...

Thanks for taking the time to read this and, even if you don't publish it, I hope it's given you something to think about.

James Hunter,
Newbury, England

Thanks for the kind words! And no spoilers, but all of us on Team Venom are BIG fans of Mania as well. Flash WILL be returning to Earth for CIVIL WAR II, and he's got a lot of people to catch up with...

To the VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT team:

I'm really enjoying VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT. I love the art and the writing. I'm so glad that Venom and Flash Thompson have finally become their own characters and I'm excited to read the next issues.

Arsheya Seraji

Thanks, Arsheya! Ariel is amazing--his work was legendary on this book!

Hey again,

Wanted to write you guys another letter to congratulate you on finishing your first story arc of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT. It was an amazing read and enjoyable to see Flash meet all these new alien types and get into new team-ups. I can't wait to see how his story continues, but I'll tell you this: foreshadowing the trials the Venom symbiote will go through to control his old self--brilliant. Again, eagerly awaiting the next issue; keep up the good work, guys and gals!

Sincerely,
Robert Hammond

Glad you dig the team-ups, Robert. There will be many "trials" for Venom and Flash in the coming issues--hopefully they both survive!

Hey there! First of all, while Spider-Man is my all-time favorite, Venom was always a close second in the '90s and early '00s. I sadly stopped reading and keeping up for a long time, but decided to get back into it with the ANAD rebrand. I'll have to be honest...It's been the best decision ever! Seeing Flash Thompson as Venom, how he's changed since his early days, the Klyntar being its own evolving character, it's been an amazing experience. The art is wonderful. Team Venom is so diverse and it's so fun to watch it grow, and I love the humor. While the anti-hero and crazy Venom was fun back when I was a kid, it's going to be even better to show my kids (who love Agent Venom in the *Ultimate Spider-Man* cartoon) that everyone can be a hero if they put their minds and hearts into it. I can't wait to see where this goes.

Keep it up!

Paul Dennis
Atlanta, GA

Flash Thompson is one of my favorite characters (not just because he has an epic last name). He's grown throughout his time as a Marvel character, and we're excited to have him continue to grow in the pages of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT.

I love the work you guys are putting out right now. As a longtime VENOM reader, it's been refreshing to see Venom in a new kind of adventure. Especially when the artwork is this awesome. I'm sensing the story may be taking a dark turn soon, and I couldn't be more excited! Any chance we might see any other symbiotes making an appearance in the near future?

T. Kazy

Your "spidey-senses" are correct--where there's Venom, there's always some darkness, which you'll be seeing in these pages very, very soon.

I gotta say, guys, I love this series. I love everything you've done with the symbiotes so far. I've been reading the new CARNAGE run and a bit of GWENPOOL since my local comic shop started carrying them, but VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT is my favorite. There's so much potential for Venom, and heck, we all love to see Venom as a good guy or even an anti-hero: we just love Venom. I hope you guys come back to answering the question Flash asked the symbiote: "What is your name?" Anyway, Flash has been an inspiration to me in his quest for redemption, and honestly, the warring sides of the symbiote perfectly represent humanity's desire to be good and the corruption dwelling within the hearts of even the purest of us. And it's hilarious. Keep up the good work, and please bless me with a whole lot more Flash/Venom.

Ashton Shephard
Franklin, NC

CARNAGE and GWENPOOL rock--great company to be in! We have a whole lot more Flash/Venom headed your way!

Space Knights NOT of Galador,

I just finished catching up on the first six issues of VENOM: SK. I was inspired after seeing a murderous space panda! I love seeing that sort of fun in the pages of my books! I have enjoyed what I have read so far, but I am curious if there will be more in regards to the story. The first six issues, while good, mostly felt like standalone issues, and I really want to see this series have a very rich continuing story. The characters are already great from the few issues done. I guess I'm really just trying to figure out whether I should put this on my permanent pull list or check in every now and then? Not wanting any spoilers, but I guess I wouldn't mind something beyond the story of just "sense danger, go to danger, repeat." Not saying it's bad or anything, but I can lose interest quick if the same stuff is repeated too regularly. Still a huge fan of how you captured Flash's jokey side more than I've seen in previous runs.

Symbiote supporter,
Jordan Miller
Salisbury, NC

We're going to be seeing a much more grounded, issue-to-issue narrative as we move forward, especially as Flash/Venom are confronted with CIVIL WAR II, and also as Flash is confronted with things he left behind on Earth. Hope you stick with us!

I've been reading VENOM since issue #32 of the Remender-turned-Bunn run and, man, it's been a hell of a ride. From Flash going to Philly to turning into a Guardian, every week I'd run to my local comic shop hoping the new issue was out. (This is still going on, and it's been about 2 years.) Now I'm 16 and I am ending my sophomore year of high school, and the one stable thing I could always count on was my favorite books being released. It means a lot being able to see one of my role models go through everything. It reminds me that, "Hey, if Flash can get blasted into space, separated from his team, and have to fight his way back, I think I'll be alright." Keep up the great work, guys. I'm loving the run so far.

With highest regards & warmest of wishes,
Waldo

P.S. "Keep it simple" -VENOM issue #36

Waldo! Thanks very much for this letter--Venom has been a hell of a ride for us, too, and it might be getting a lot more hellish soon...

Thanks for reading!
Robbie Thompson

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DON'T MISS VENOM SPACE KNIGHT #9

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Working together, a Klyntar symbiote and its host can be heroes — but if one of them is unbalanced, both can sink into a downward spiral. As soon as Venom started showing new signs of instability, Tarna, Flash's Agent of the Cosmos mentor, returned to apprehend the Klyntar. But Flash and Venom's friends wouldn't let their teammate be imprisoned (or worse), and Venom escaped. Enraged and hopeless, the symbiote attacked planets he'd helped as an Agent, eventually drawing Flash to the home planet of his first host, and the site of his first massacre. If Venom's failed as a hero, he wants to convince Flash that they can be villains together.

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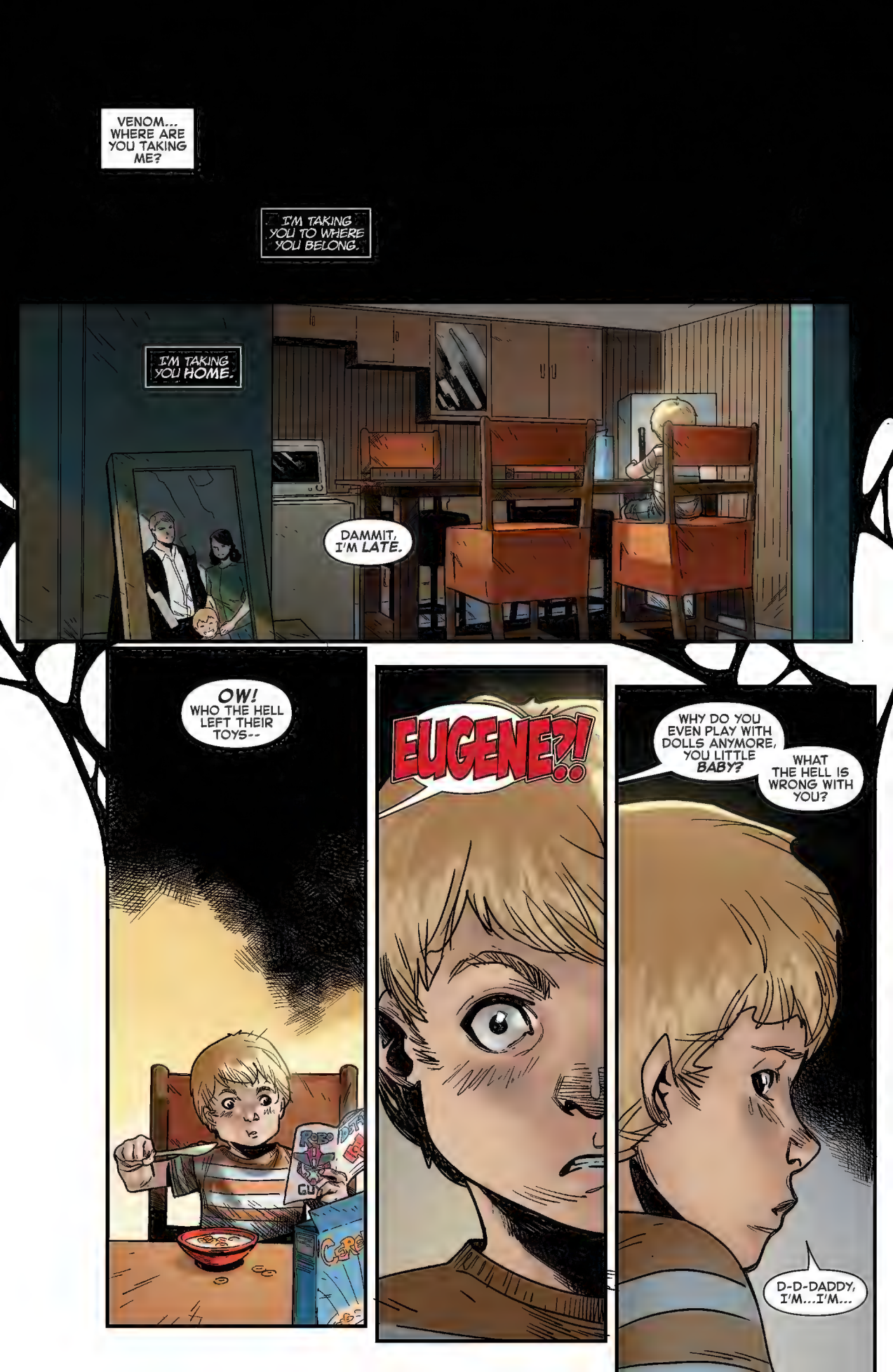
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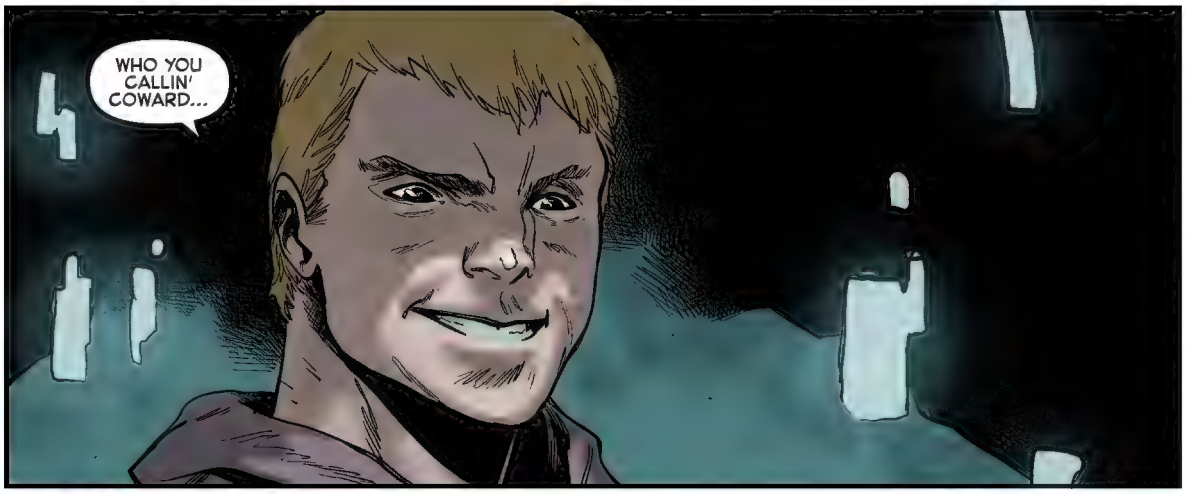
I'M TAKING YOU TO WHERE YOU BELONG.
I'M TAKING YOU HOME.
DAMMIT, I'M LATE.
OW! WHO THE HELL LEFT THEIR TOYS--
EUGENE?!
WHY DO YOU EVEN PLAY WITH DOLLS ANYMORE, YOU LITTLE BABY?
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?
D-D-DADDY, I'M...I'M...

I'M SORRY.

NOT SO FAST NOW, EH, FLASH?!
KRAKK!
DAD... PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T.
I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU.
I'M JUST GONNA KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOU, BOY.
"NO. DON'T. DON'T, YOU COWARD."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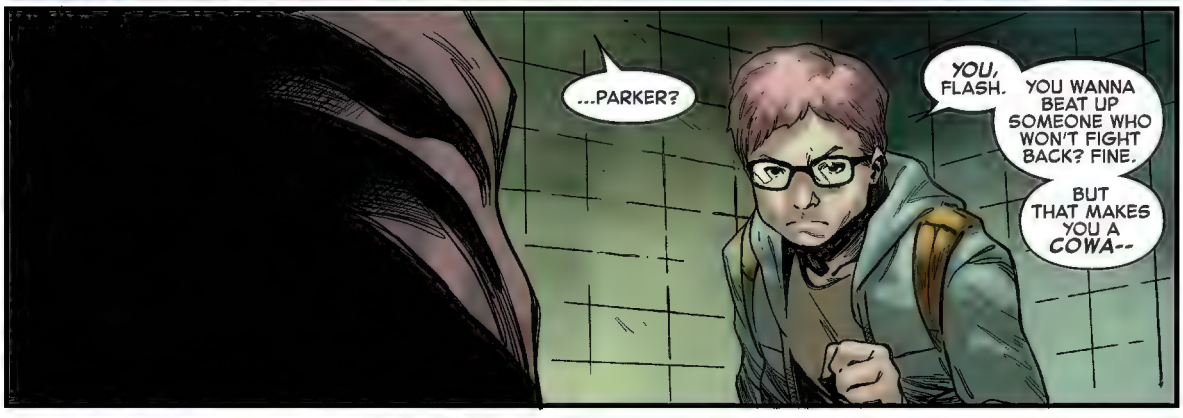

...PARKER?
YOU, FLASH.
YOU WANNA BEAT UP SOMEONE WHO WON'T FIGHT BACK? FINE.
BUT THAT MAKES YOU A COWA--

NO. THIS ISN'T ME. NOT ANYMORE.
BUT THIS IS YOU, FLASH.
--GHGGHSGGHHG?!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY.

NO.
NO!

STOP!
STOP?
OF COURSE. YOU CAN STOP WHENEVER YOU WANT...
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
BUT YOU'RE STILL THIRSTY, AREN'T YOU?
GO ON, FLASH.
HAVE A DRINK.
NO. I'M DONE LISTENING TO YOU.
YOU HEAR ME?
I'M DONE!

OKAY. DEEP BREATH. YOU'RE OKAY.
YOU'RE OKAY.
JUST HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
OUT OF *HIM*.

THERE.
LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?
OR AN ONCOMING TRAIN?

STAY POSITIVE.
STAY FOCUSED.
AS BAD AS IT IS IN HERE...

...IT CAN'T BE WORSE OUT THERE.

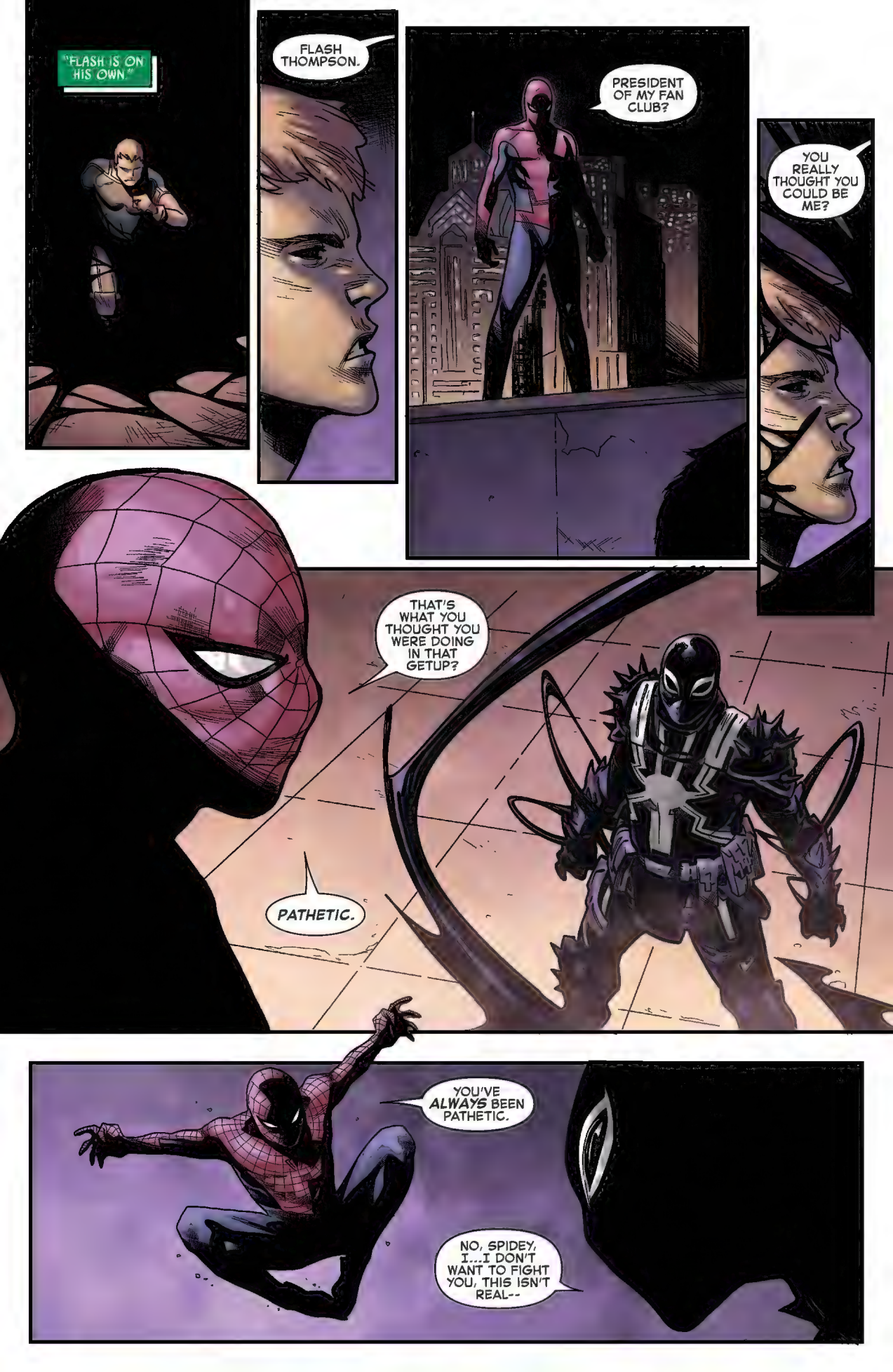
GGGHHHRRRAAAHHH!

AHHH! UNHAND ME, FOUL BEAST!

I DON'T THINK HE'S MUCH OF A LISTENER RIGHT NOW, IQA.

IS FLASH EVEN IN THERE?

YES. FLASH IS INSIDE VENOM. TRAPPED.
AND HIS VITALS SHOW THAT HE'S UNDER ATTACK.
HOW MUCH TIME DOES HE HAVE?
NOT MUCH.
WHAT DO WE DO?
STICK TO THE PLAN.
AND HOPE WE SURVIVE.
AND FLASH?


"FLASH IS ON HIS OWN."
FLASH THOMPSON.
PRESIDENT OF MY FAN CLUB?
YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD BE ME?
THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING IN THAT GETUP?
PATHETIC.
YOU'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN PATHETIC.
NO, SPIDEY, I...I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, THIS ISN'T REAL--

NOT REAL?
THEN YOU WON'T FEEL THIS.
AAAAH!
DON'T.
MAKE.
ME--
AAGH! THERE'S THE VENOM I KNOW!
WHAM!
FLASH, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THIS-- AAGH!
BAM!
GO ON. FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED, COWARD.
BOOOOOM!

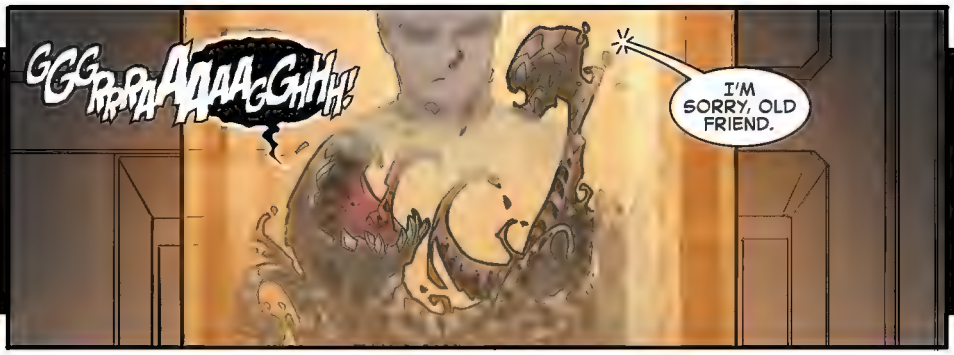
NO. YOU'RE NOT REAL. YOU'RE NOT REAL.
I'M REAL, FLASH. I'M RIGHT HERE. FIGHT THIS-- FIGHT HIM.
NO... NO...
NOOOOO!
FLASH? FLASH, HONEY, IS THAT YOU?

FLASH, I'M SCARED.
IT'S SO DARK.
NO. NO, NOT YOU, TOO...
...MOM.
YOU SAID THE MONSTERS COULDN'T HURT ME ANYMORE, FLASH.
AAGHH!
BUT YOU'RE A MONSTER!
AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

I'M NOT-- IT'S HIM, NOT ME...
NOOOOOO!!
WE'RE OUT OF TIME.
WE'RE TOO FAR FROM THE SHIP.
THEN THE SHIP'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME TO US.
803 LOCK ON OUR COORDINATES
THE DEVICE, IT ISN'T--
WE'RE OUT OF TIME! MOVE!
BOOOOM

STOP! STOP THIS! LEAVE HER ALONE! DON'T TOUCH HER!
STAY BACK
WHO IS HE FIGHTING?
HIMSELF
I'M SORRY, MOM.
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.
FROM EVERYTHING.
FROM ME.
FLASH...?

TARNA, I'M IN POSITION.
K-KLICK
FIRE 803!
IT'S OKAY, BABY.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
I LOVE YOU, FLASH.
AND I FORGIVE YOU.
I FORGIVE YOU.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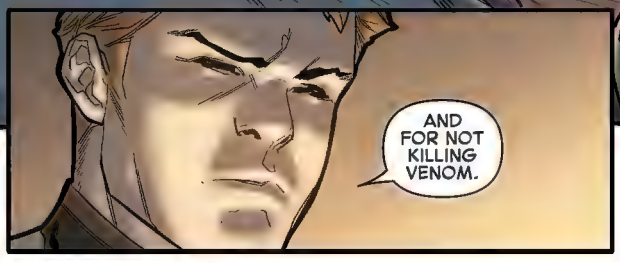
I'M SORRY, OLD FRIEND.

THANK YOU ALL.
FOR SAVING ME.


AND FOR NOT KILLING VENOM.

FLASH...
WHATEVER WE DO NEXT... IT'S UP TO YOU.

VENOM NEEDS TO GO HOME.
ARE YOU SURE?
NO.
BUT THE KLYNTAR MIGHT BE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN SAVE VENOM NOW.
I'LL PLOT A COURSE.
FLASH, WHEN YOU WERE INSIDE VENOM...WHAT DID HE SHOW YOU?
DARKNESS.
BUT...I SAW SOMETHING INSIDE HIM...

EARTH.
"...A SMALL, BRIGHT SPOT. I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS A WAY OUT, BUT...
PHILADELPHIA. NOW.
"...WHEN I RAN TOWARD IT...
"...I COULD NEVER REACH IT."
"WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WAS?"
NO... PLEASE... STOP!
"I DON'T KNOW, TARNA.
"IT WAS LIKE...

"...SOMETHING WAS MISSING."
TO BE CONTINUED!

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A small impurity can mean the difference between an Agent of the Cosmos and an agent of chaos. A piece of Venom wasn't cleansed, leaving the symbiote wrestling with rage. Tarna, Flash's Agent of the Cosmos mentor, returned to apprehend Venom, but he attacked her Klyntar and escaped. Hopeless and despairing, he drew Flash away from their friends by undoing heroic acts they had accomplished together. Once alone, the Klyntar attempted to convince his host to join him on the slide back into villainy. Luckily, Iqa, Tarna, and Pik and Hilla Rollo rescued Flash and contained Venom. They're all headed for the Klyntar homeworld--quite possibly Venom's last hope of salvation.

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I WANT TO SEE THE TRIAL.
NOT MUCH TO SEE, HILLA.
AAAAAGGHHH!
VENOM--
MUST FACE THIS ALONE, TARNA. WE MUST SEE WHAT HE TRULY IS. AGENTS OF THE COSMOS ARE AGENTS OF PEACE--
DOES THAT LOOK LIKE PEACE TO YOU, MYNTRIL?
ALL I SEE IS A LOST KLYNTAR...
...AND I HOPE YOU ARE NOT LOST AS WELL.
AND IT'S NOT A TRIAL...

I HATE LIARS.

I WAS RAISED BY ONE.

...IT'S AN EXECUTION.

SO ME AND LIARS? DON'T GET ALONG.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.

I SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED MY *FRIEND*.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD APPEAL TO MYNTRIL.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE *LISTENING* TYPE.
SKREEEE!
BZZZZT!
THEY *LIED* TO ME, PIK.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO EVEN THE ODDS.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A TERRIBLE IDEA.
MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

GONNA NEED YOU TO OPEN THAT DOOR, CHAMP.
ONLY *KLYNTAR* ARE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA, *HUMAN.*
LET. US. THROUGH.
NEVER.
SO MUCH FOR DOING THIS THE EASY WAY.

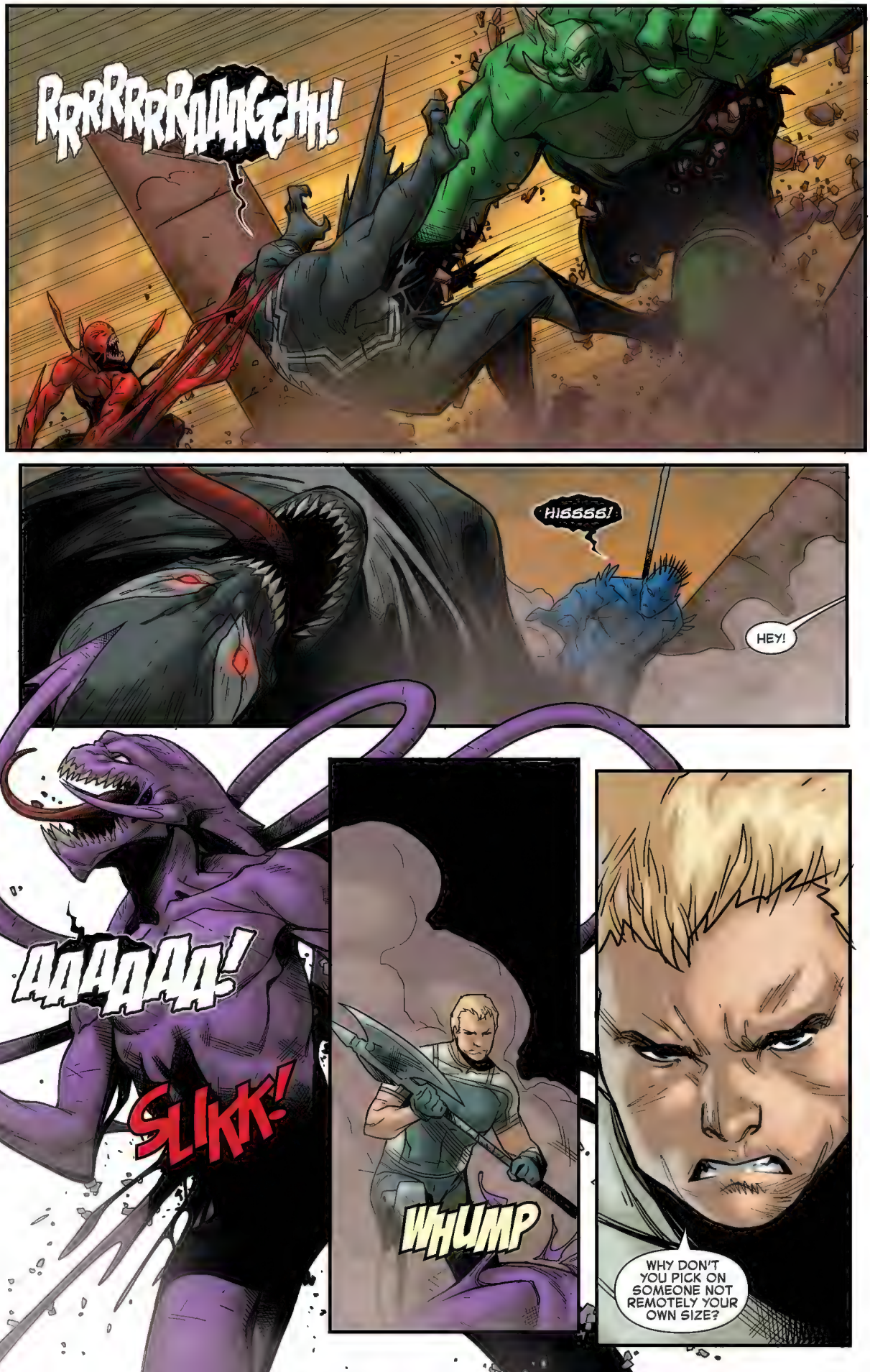
WHAT HAS BECOME OF YOU, VENOM?
HSSSSS!
YOU'VE FALLEN.
YOU LEAVE US NO CHOICE.
SKREEEE!
SHRAAAAAH!
GGGRRAAAGH!

STAND DOWN!
I WILL NOT HAVE MORE BLOODSHED TODAY.
OPEN THE BLAST SHIELD.
BUT SIR, ONLY KLYNTAR--
IF THE HUMAN WISHES TO DIE WITH HIS FRIEND... SO BE IT.
CLICK
VRRRRMMMM
FLASH, IT'S ME, JUMP YOU HAVE TO--
WAIT, WHAT--?!
TARNA!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
THE BLAST SHIELD, CLOSE IT--
FLASH--- GO!
VRRMMMM
THIS IS PROBABLY GONNA HURT.

HEY, VENOM, A LITTLE HELP?
WHAM
GAH!
PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING.
OOF!
PERFECT LANDING.
OKAY...
...NOW WHAT?

YOU BETRAY THE COSMOS?!
YOU LEFT ME NO CHOICE!
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TRIALS ENTAIL. VENOM ALONE MUST BE--
PROTECTED
YOU'RE TRYING TO HURT OUR FRIEND.
YOUNGLING, YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY--
YOU TALK TOO MUCH.
GRRRAAAHHH!


RRRRRRRRAAAGGHH!
HISSSS!
HEY!
AAAAAA!
SLIKK!
WHUMP
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE NOT REMOTELY YOUR OWN SIZE?

YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT WELL, YOUNGLING.
HILLA IS A ROLLO. ALL ROLLOS ARE WARRIORS.
STOP THE TRIALS, MYNTRIL.
AAAAGH!
HILLA!
THE TRIALS SHALL FINISH WHEN A JUDGMENT HAS BEEN MADE.

YOU AGENTS WANT TO JUDGE MY FRIEND? FINE. BUT YOU WON'T JUDGE HIM ALONE.
AND YOU WON'T DO IT WITH A FIGHT.
AND VENOM, WHEN THEY DUMPED YOU IN HERE, THEY DIDN'T ATTACK.
YOU DID.
THE AGENTS OF THE COSMOS ARE AGENTS OF PEACE, RIGHT?
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GIVE PEACE A CHANCE.
YESSS, PEACCCE.
RAAARRRGH!
RRRRRR!
HISSSS!
SHOULDA SEEN THAT COMING, TOO.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
FLASH NO!
FLLASSSHH...?
I'M RIGHT HERE WITH YOU, BUDDY.
GRGGGRRRAAAAAAHHH!
WHAT--WHAT'S HAPPENING?
NOW...THE REAL TRIAL BEGINS.

UM, ARE WE DEAD? IS THIS KLYNTAR HEAVEN, OR KLYNTAR HELL?

YOU ARE NOT DEAD, FLASH THOMPSON.

THIS WAS A *TEST*, AND YOU HAVE PASSED.

WE PASSED BY *SURRENDERING?*

VENOM, NOT ALL BATTLES CAN BE WON WITH VIOLENCE.

YOU STAND ACCUSED OF WALKING OFF THE *PATH*.

YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING.

BUT THE CLEANSE SHOULD HAVE *PURIFIED* YOU.

PERHAPS... PERHAPS I WAS NOT WORTHY.

YOU *BOTH* HAVE PROVEN WORTHY.

BUT THIS TEST HAS SHOWN US THAT YOUR CLEANSE WAS NOT *COMPLETE*.

ANDREA BENTON. MANIA. ANOTHER *FRIEND* I FAILED TO PROTECT...

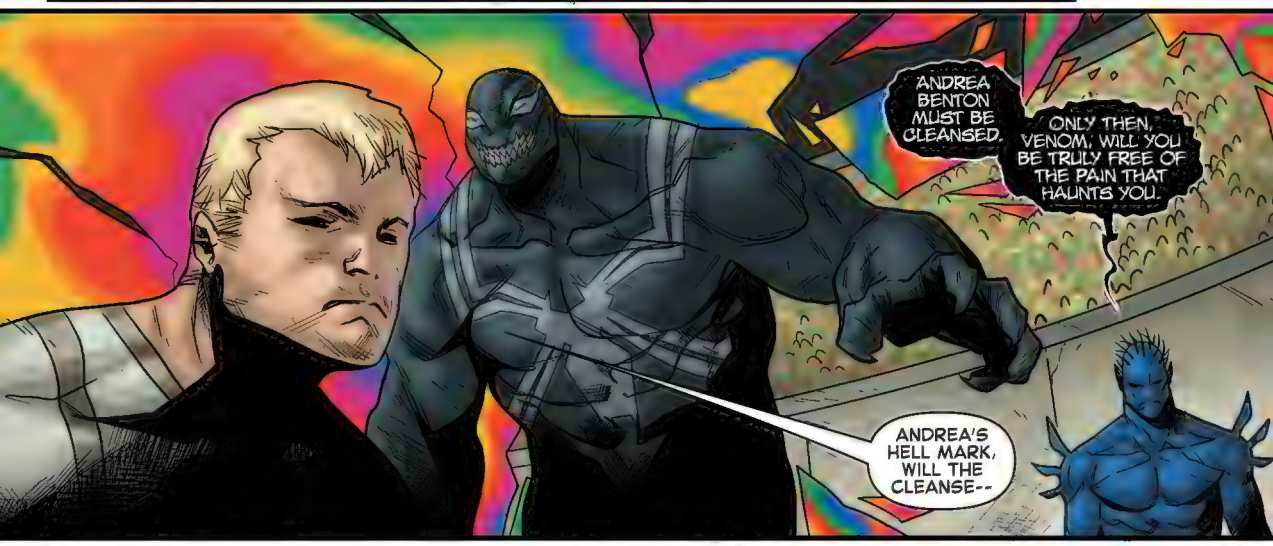
WHEN YOU WERE CLEANSED... SOMETHING WAS MISSING. SOMEONE WAS MISSING.

ANDREA BENTON IS IN *PAIN*.

THE MARK SHE BEARS HAS CORRUPTED HER.

THE HELL MARK.

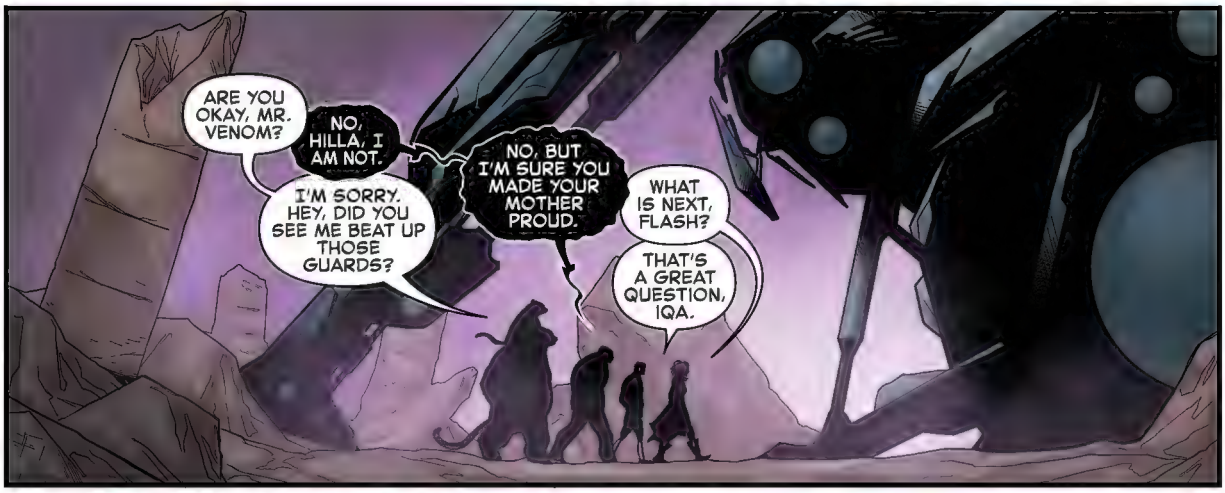
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THE TRIAL IS OVER. THEY HAVE PASSED THEIR JUDGMENT.

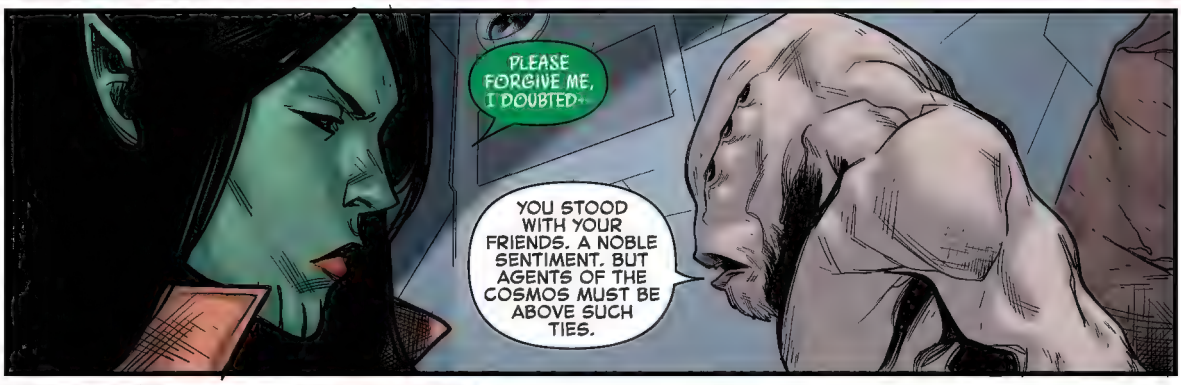

ANDREA BENTON MUST BE CLEANSED.
ONLY THEN, VENOM, WILL YOU BE TRULY FREE OF THE PAIN THAT HAUNTS YOU.
ANDREA'S HELL MARK, WILL THE CLEANSE--

THE MARK THAT BURNS THROUGH ANDREA BENTON'S SOUL CANNOT BE CURED BY THE CLEANSE, FLASH THOMPSON.
HOWEVER, THERE IS A WAY TO TEMPER ITS EFFECTS.

IN THE OUTER RIM, THERE IS A TEMPLE ON THE LOST PLANET WENB. INSIDE THE TEMPLE LIES THE FOUNTAIN OF PURITY.

A DRINK FROM THIS FOUNTAIN WILL KEEP ANDREA'S DEMONS AT BAY, AND ALLOW HER TO BE CLEANSED.
THANK YOU.
GO IN PEACE, FLASH THOMPSON.


ARE YOU OKAY, MR. VENOM?
NO, HILLA, I AM NOT.
I'M SORRY. HEY, DID YOU SEE ME BEAT UP THOSE GUARDS?
NO, BUT I'M SURE YOU MADE YOUR MOTHER PROUD.
WHAT IS NEXT, FLASH?
THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, IQA.


PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I DOUBTED--
YOU STOOD WITH YOUR FRIENDS. A NOBLE SENTIMENT. BUT AGENTS OF THE COSMOS MUST BE ABOVE SUCH TIES.

YOUR KLYNTAR IS STILL HEALING.
GO WITH YOUR *FRIENDS*, TARNA. WHEN YOU RETURN...

...WE SHALL SEE IF THE HONOR OF SERVING WITH YOUR KLYNTAR IS SOMETHING YOU ARE STILL WORTHY OF...

WHEN I BECAME A GUARDIAN, AND THEN AN AGENT OF THE COSMOS...I WAS SO HAPPY TO FINALLY FIND MY PLACE.
BUT THE TRUTH IS...I'VE LEFT SOME THINGS BEHIND THAT I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF A LONG TIME AGO.
THIS WHOLE MESS... IT'S MY FAULT.
AND I'VE GOT TO FIX IT.
YOU WON'T BE FIXING IT ALONE, FLASH.
WE WILL HEAD TO WENB. THIS ELIXIR SHALL BE IN YOUR HANDS IN NO TIME.
I GOT THE FEELING IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY TO GET, PIK.
DO WE SEEM EASILY FRIGHTENED, FLASH?
I SHOULD GO WITH YOU--
NO FLASH. IT'S TIME

"FOR YOU TO GO HOME."
I HATE LIARS.
I WAS RAISED BY ONE.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.
I SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED MY *FRIEND.*
PROTECTED HER FROM THE BIGGEST LIAR I KNOW.
ME.
...PLEASE... PLEASE HELP ME...
TO BE CONTINUED!

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Hello again,

I just wanted to say thank you for giving us this amazing comic, and I look forward to reading the whole series!!! I adore the way that you have given Venom its own identity aside from Flash Thompson or its current wearer and made it part of an alien species with its own name. Earlier I noticed that you mentioned having Spider-Man make an appearance of some kind, and was wondering if you were going to incorporate other characters from the Marvel Universe like Eddie Brock, or if you were planning to make this its own timeline?

Thanks again,
Cody Tarr

Thanks so much for the kind words, Cody--and we will be seeing Marvel Universe characters as we head back to Earth for CIVIL WAR II. As you'll see on our cover for issue 11--Spider-Man is definitely going to be on Venom's radar!

Growing up, I was not into Spider-Man comics, but my brother was, and when Spider-Man was fighting this creature called Venom, it caught my eye. This living being was able to bond with a host and then morph his body into tentacles, blades, or whatever was needed; so cool.

I looked for a graphic novel containing Venom, (and Carnage, and the one or two other symbiotic creatures whose names I can't remember) but have not had much luck. I'm so glad he has his own title now. I don't know how he got into space or how Flash Thompson lost his legs, but you did explain why Venom is good guy now when he used to fight Spider-Man as a bad guy by saying it had to go back to its home planet to be re-conditioned.

The characters in the title are very imaginative (a giant panda--but don't call her that), and the writing is great. I like how each issue is basically its own adventure but all the issues as a whole connect together for a bigger storyline following Flash collecting a crew and making friends along the way.

Robert Vogt

We're all lifelong fans of Venom over here, too, Robert, so we're so happy to hear you're digging his space adventures. As for what happened to Flash's legs, check out AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #574--really fantastic and moving story.

Dear VENOM team,

I am really loving the comics. This is probably my favorite series out of all the All-New, All-Different Marvel comics. (I even prefer it over the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and that's saying something.) It's cool to see two characters that originated in SPIDER-MAN become their own characters, and Flash and Venom's relationship is awesome. It's funny to see Venom being a good guy, as he's always been a pretty scary-looking guy. I can't wait to see more of Venom's inner conflict in the next issue. Also, one final note is that although some people want Venom to go back to being a Spider-Man villain with Eddie Brock, please don't listen and keep VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT going!

Bernard

We agree, Bernard--VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT forever! To issue infinity and beyond! LONG LIVE VENOM!

Team VENOM,

Just finished with VENOM #8 and I'm loving the mental breakdown of the symbiote. I've been a fan of his darkness since ASM #299. Will we have any potential crossovers with CARNAGE and/or SPIDER-MAN? Also, more variant covers would rock! Love the storyline, keep it coming!

Mega Venom fan, Mike W.

We LOVE Carnage and Venom stories, too, Mike--and hope to tell one down the road, but as you'll see on the cover for the next issue, we will most definitely be seeing Spider-Man and Venom soon! Spoiler alert: there will be fisticuffs!

Hey to Robbie Thompson and the SPACE KNIGHT team!

Let me start by saying that Agent Venom is my favorite fictional character of all time, and when I heard you guys were giving him an ongoing where he was a galactic hero in space, I was very skeptical. You guys sure shut me up! I've been loving the entire series, including the new characters, especially 803, and the new capabilities for the symbiote. I just put down #7 and I have a few questions:

1) One of my favorite things about the previous Venom series was Mania. I still think she needs her own series and I'd love to see her on a team or two. Is there any chance of her appearing in SPACE KNIGHT? I don't know how it could happen, but I'd love to see what she's been up to.
2) Is there any chance of Venom appearing in CARNAGE or Carnage appearing in SPACE KNIGHT?
3) Is there any chance of Venom appearing in an Earth-based series in the near future?
4) Is there any chance of Pik Rollo, 803, or any members the SPACE KNIGHT cast of characters appearing in GUARDIANS?

Thanks for reading! Keep making amazing comics and I'll keep reading!

Rafael

Thanks for these great questions, Rafael--here are some answers:
1) We are all MANIACS over in the Team Venom Office, too--and as you can see, she's most definitely back with a vengeance!
2) No current plans, but that's definitely a team-up/thunderdome we'd love to see down the road.
3) We're going to be on Earth for a nice stretch here as Venom and Guardians tie in to CIVIL WAR II!
4) We'll have to see if Pik Rollo and the gang survive the coming issues first!

Dear VENOM team,

First off, I'd like to say I adore Agent Venom! Easily one of my favorite Marvel characters, mainly because of Rick Remender's incredibly stunning writing! It's a shame your artist is leaving, but I'm excited for the new one to come! At first, I had my doubts on SPACE KNIGHT, but it's easily become a great sequel to Rick's take on Venom. Thompson is doing such a great job! Two questions:

1) Will Mania be reunited with Flash? He said he'd protect her from the hell mark.
2) Whatever happened to his news reporter ally and his Asgardian girlfriend? Will they be seen in upcoming issues? Anyway, thanks, guys, and I hope this gets printed in the next issue.

Michael Hach
Miami, FL.

We're all big fans of Agent Venom, too, Michael--psyched to hear you're on board with SPACE KNIGHT! As for your awesome questions:
1) YES! YES! YES! ALL THE YESes!
2) No spoilers, but Flash will definitely be touching base with people he left behind on Earth in the coming issues as he returns to deal with the events of CIVIL WAR II.

Robbie Thompson and Team Venom,

I am loving VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT! The first comic I ever collected was a VENOM hardcover by Remender, Moore, and Fowler. Flash Thompson has been my favorite hero ever since! You guys are doing an incredible job with Flash and the Klyntar. Sad to see Olivetti leave, but I am very excited to see Kim Jacinto and Gerardo Sandoval's art. I hope this comic has many, many more issues to come and I look forward to seeing where this comic will take Flash and his symbiotic companion.

Keep up the fantastic work,
John Harris

Thanks so much for being on Team Venom, John! We're having a blast making this book and are really excited for folks to see what's coming next.

Hey Space Cowboys!

So this is the first VENOM book that I've read, and I have loved the book like Venom craves adrenaline. Each issue is very good. Robbie Thompson's writing is a mixture of suspense and character-

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building. Kim Jacinto's art is very well done and animated. I like it how you guys made Venom and Flash two separate entities trying to act as one. Is Venom going to go to Earth for CIVIL WAR II to have a fight with Carnage and Toxin?

Hey fellow Space Cowboy--Venom is most definitely going to Earth for CIVIL WAR II, and while we don't have immediate plans for a Carnage or Toxin throwdown, you will be seeing Venom v. Spider-Man in the next issue!

G'day, VENOM Team!

I just finished reading issue #7 and I have to say, I haven't been this excited for the next issue in a title all year! VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT is my favorite post-SECRET WARS title. I absolutely love 803's black despondency and death-wish personality. And who doesn't love an adorable, murderous bear (I personally favor the drop-bear, myself) and her cute little cub? It's hard not to like a space opera with a quirky crew, amirite?

It's a shame we are saying goodbye to Mr. Olivetti, but I am very excited to see what Mr. Jacinto does with the art.

Cheers for giving Flash and Venom more page time!

Kind regards,
Kel W.
Australia

G'day, Kel! We all absolutely love Ariel over here, and while we miss his incredible work, it's so exciting to see what he's going to do next. And yes, who doesn't love Space Murder Bears!

Hi friends,

Found SPACE KNIGHT after falling in love with Robbie's writing in SILK and SPIDEY. Ariel's departure is a bummer (Flash is a total hunk in his art style), but Kim's drawings are delightful. Java's got a brilliant grasp on the relationship between color temperature and atmosphere. One might even say it's... symbiotic? Can't wait to see where you'll take us next.

Thanks for making the book I most look forward to pulling each month.

Joe Schenck
Seattle, WA

P.S. Will Cindy Moon ever meet Flash?
Asking for a friend.

Thanks so much for the kind words about Silk and Spidey, Joe--glad they brought you over to Venom. We'd LOVE to see Cindy meet Flash and we'd be THRILLED to see Silk meet Venom. Venom-Silk?!?! We'll see...

Thanks for all the great letters, gang--keep 'em coming!

**Hugs,
Team Venom**

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VENOM SPACE KNIGHT #11

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CIVIL WAR II

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VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT

THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW INHUMAN WITH THE POWER OF PRECOGNITION HAS SAVED MANHATTAN FROM CERTAIN CALAMITY! BUT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TRIUMPH, FACED WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THEY NOW POSSESS THE ABILITY TO FORECAST THE FUTURE, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS ARE FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE:
PROTECT THAT FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

MEANWHILE, FLASH HAS BEEN SEEKING PURIFICATION OF THE VENOM SYMBIOTE TO DESTROY HIS VILLAINOUS TENDENCIES. IT WAS REVEALED THAT VENOM COULD ONLY BE FREED FROM HIS DARK IMPULSES BY FINDING FLASH'S OLD FRIEND ANDREA BENTON AND DESTROYING HER HELL-MARK. WHILE IQA, TARNA, AND PIK AND HILLA ROLLO SET OFF TO FIND AN IMPORTANT PURIFYING ELIXIR, FLASH MUST RETURN TO THE EARTH THAT HE SO READILY LEFT BEHIND...

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NEW YORK, EARTH. NOW.
IT'S STRANGE. BEING HOME.
NEW YORKER
EVERYTHING IS THE SAME.
EXCEPT ME.
I CAME BACK HERE WITH THE GUARDIANS TO HELP OUR FRIEND, CAROL.*
*AS SEEN IN THE GLORIOUS GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #12!
AND MY NEW FRIENDS ARE ON A MISSION SIX MILLION LIGHT-YEARS FROM HERE. GIVE OR TAKE.
FORTUNATELY, THOUGH, WE'RE BOTH LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING...
SYMBIOTE SUBJECT FOUND. TRACKING PROGRAM INITIATED.

PLANET WENB, SIX MILLION LIGHT-YEARS FROM EARTH. GIVE OR TAKE.
...WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CURE.
WHAT A GLORIOUS PLANET.
MAY I PUNCH HER, MOTHER?
IF YOU DON'T, I WILL.
OW. I WILL NOT STRIKE A CHILD.
THAT RULE DIDN'T STOP ME FROM HITTING YOU.
WHOMP
THE TEMPLE USED TO BE HERE.
PERHAPS THE SANDS BURIED IT. OR BLEW IT AWAY...
...BUT NOTHING STAYS LOST FOREVER.
ALIEN TARGETS ACQUIRED. BEGINNING TRACKING SEQUENCE. SENDING ALERTS...

ROSE MANOR WELLNESS CENTER, MIDDLETON, NEW YORK.
C'MON, FLASH. STAY CALM.
THIS ISN'T A FIGHT.
YOU'RE JUST VISITING YOUR MOM.
...I'M GLAD TO HEAR SHE'S DOING WELL.
SHE HAS GOOD DAYS AND BAD. BUT I KNOW SHE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU.
REALLY?
SHE TALKS ABOUT HER KIDS ALL THE TIME.
HEY, MA.
KNOCK KNOCK

YOU LOOK WELL.
DON'T LOOK SO BAD YOURSELF.
I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK IN HERE, EUGENE. I WASN'T ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU. I KNOW HOW YOUR FATHER COULD BE... WITH HIS DRINKING, AND I...
I WISH...
I KNOW...
HONEY, I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY, TOO, MA.
I'M SORRY, TOO.

PHILADELPHIA, EARTH. LATER.
I'M AVOIDING THIS. I'M AVOIDING...
...MANIA.
A.K.A. ANDREA BENTON. A.K.A. ANDI.
MY OLD PARTNER.
SHE'S BEEN FIGHTING CRIME ON HER OWN WITH PART OF THE SYMBIOTE, TAKING ON THE RED HAND GANG.
THEY'RE NEW. SPRUNG UP WHILE I WAS GONE.
SHE'S BEEN FIGHTING THEM ALL OVER TOWN.
BUT SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL.
I KNOW THAT FEELING.

I'VE BEEN GONE TOO LONG.
FLOATING THROUGH SPACE.
TARGET ALONE. CAGE PROGRAM INITIATED. C.E.O. INBOUND.
IT'S GOOD TO BE GROUNDED.
HEY...HEY, WHAT'S WRONG BUDDY?
WE...ARE... BEING...

SHOOM! SHOOM!
SHOOM!
SHOOM!
...WATCHED!
SKREEEEEEEEE
GGGAHHH!
SONIC DISRUPTORS.
T.URN. IT. OFF!
THAT COLOR SCHEME. I KNOW IT...
HEYA, PAL...

...WE ARE WAY OVERDUE FOR A CATCH-UP.

THE TEMPLE...IT'S EMPTY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WE CANNOT BE THE ONLY ONES TO SEEK SUCH A TEMPLE.
NO...
...YOU MOST CERTAINLY AREN'T.
WHO ARE THEY? THIEVES?
WORSE.
THEY'RE SPACE KNIGHTS.

NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: WHO CATCHES UP WITH AN OLD FRIEND BY CAGING HIM?
BUT LAST TIME WE TANGLED, YOU WERE A BIT OF A HANDFUL.*
*AS SEEN IN SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN, NOW IN TRADE PAPERBACK AND ON MARVEL UNLIMITED!
SPIDER-MAN. LAST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU HAD QUITE A STICK UP YOUR--
NOW, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE RUDE.
I JUST WANT TO TALK...
...TO MY OLD PAL, FLASH THOMPSON.
YOU REMEMBER ME NOW?
HOW COULD I FORGET MY BIGGEST FAN?
"BIGGEST FAN," HUH?
WELL...

...THINGS CHANGE.
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? 'CAUSE YOU JUST DESTROYED A COUPLE MILLION IN R & D.
I DON'T LIKE CAGES.
BURNNNSSSS!
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON PUNCHES?
I KNOW, RIGHT?
EXO-SUIT-- LINED WITH MICRO-FIBERS THAT RADIATE HEAT ON IMPACT. THE HARDER YOU'RE HIT, THE HOTTER THE HEAT.
TAKE THAT, JOHNNY STORM.
AVAILABLE FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES IN THE FALL.

STOP-- DON'T DO THIS.

YOU'VE GOT MY FRIEND IN THERE.

FLASH THOMPSON...

WHAM!

...IS MY FRIEND, TOO!

GGRRRRAAGGGHHHHH!

WHOA!

THERE'S JUST NO TALKING TO YOU.

BUT MAYBE YOU'LL LISTEN...

...TO *THIS!*

INSPIRED BY A BUDDY OF MINE. REAL QUIET TYPE. YOU SPEAK *THROUGH* THE--

I UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS. WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY USE THAT FOR?

STOP!

COLLABORATE AND LISTEN.

SORRY.

NO... SPIDER-MAN... YOU DON'T...

DON'T WORRY, FLASH. YOU'RE SAFE NOW.

SPIDER-MAN. PLEASE, THAT'S MY FRIEND. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, HE'S CHANGED--

I'LL BE HAPPY TO LISTEN TO ALL THIS ONCE HE'S CONTAINED, SECURED, AND BACK IN MY LAB--

OH CRAP, HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME, ISN'T HE?

NOOOOOO GAGGGGEEE!
I CAN WORK WITH THA--
OOOF!
VENOM, DON'T--
AAAGGH!

OKAY, LET'S DO THIS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.
WITH FISTS.
AND FEET.
THWIP!
AND WEBS.

RRRRIIIPPP!

OR NOT.

SO, THIS IS NEW--YOU CAN JUST BE YOU, NO NEED FOR A HOST. I MEAN, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE NOT SO NEEDY, BUT--

AAAGH!

NOOO GAAAAGGEE!

GOT IT. NO CAGE. AND NO HOST.

C'MON, V. WE'RE OLD FRIENDS. I USED TO *BE* A HOST, REMEMBER? LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS. MAYBE OVER LUNCH?

OR BRUNCH. BRUNCH WORKS, TOO.

I'M SURE THERE'S A GOOD ALL-DAY BREAKFAST JOINT AROUND HERE. AWAY FROM ALL THESE NICE--

THUD!

YOOOUUU...

...WERE A HOST?!

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME? THAT HURTS MY FEELINGS.

NO-- VENOM, *DON'T!*

WAIT! STO--
WELCOME BACCCKKKK!
TO BE CONTINUED!

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Hey, Flash Fanatics!

Here it is, the throwdown you've all been waiting for! VENOM VERSUS SPIDER-MAN! And Spidey back in the black suit! How's it all gonna pan out?!?! Well, looks like you'll have to wait until the next issue to find out! In the meantime, let's let Robbie reply to your lovely letters!

Take it away, Robbie!

Wow. This issue was amazing! As soon as I hit the second page I was blown away. This issue had the dark, gritty, and scary feel that I would expect from a Venom comic. I loved what was done with the series before, it was fun and entertaining, but this issue was gripping and suspenseful. I'm sure whatever direction you take this series, it will be amazing. What will Venom be up to during CIVIL WAR II?

Sincerely,
Mason Ricci
Walpole, MA

Thanks, Mason, we're so happy you dug the issue! One of the great things about working on VENOM is that the book can be gritty and scary, so I'm glad you enjoyed that! As for CIVIL WAR II, Venom is coming back to Earth to make things right with Mania. But as with all things Venom, it gets complicated very fast when Spider-Man shows up. Obviously, as you can see from this issue, they hug it out (with fists).

Hey guys,

I love the character arc of Flash Thompson from bully to soldier to amputee to super hero. He really has some great themes and messages in his story. And you guys are doing an amazing job of continuing that arc and giving him new challenges to face, mentally and physically, and bringing in even more great themes and messages related to the character. The art is amazing, both the brilliant realistic art in the first volume and the new volume's fantastic dark sketchy nature. The side characters are also great, and I really enjoy some of the stereotype-busting you guys do, with the incredibly cute panda being the galaxy's greatest killer. (We love you, Pik.) Also the humor is great, and grounds Flash's humanity even while he is in the middle of space. It's a really great book. Thanks.

Keep up the great work,
Luke Connelly

Hey Luke, couldn't agree more about Flash's journey as a character. He's grown so much over the years, and one of the things we wanted to do with this book was honor what's come before and continue to let Flash be challenged and changed as a character. And thanks for the kind words about the art -- we've been fortunate to have the best artists, colorists, and letterer in the business on this book. And we're big fans of Pik Rollo, too -- there's nothing that space bear can't do!

Oh, Pik Rollo, winning hearts and minds across the galaxy.

Thanks for the letters, dear readers! And thanks for the answers, dear Robbie! And thanks for these bookends, dear me!

That's it for this issue, come back next month to see more Spidey-sparrin', Klyntar-klashin', Flash-flippin' action! With extra bonus Mania!

Stay Weird!

Jake T.

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VENOM SPACE KNIGHT #12

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EARTH'S HEROES PREVENTED A CATACLYSMIC EVENT THANKS TO AN INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE FUTURE. NOW, EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS ARE FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE: PROTECT THE FUTURE...OR CHANGE IT?

FLASH IS BACK IN PHILADELPHIA TO FIND HIS FRIEND ANDREA BENTON, BEARER OF A PART OF THE VENOM SYMBIOTE KNOWN AS MANIA, ALONG WITH A HELL-MARK. FLASH CAN'T REST UNTIL HE'S DONE RIGHT BY ANDI, AND VENOM CAN'T MASTER HIS ANGER UNTIL MANIA'S BEEN CLEANSED. FLASH'S FRIENDS SET OFF TO RETRIEVE A RESTORING ELIXIR FOR MANIA, BUT THEY'VE BEEN CONFRONTED BY SPACE KNIGHTS! MEANWHILE, FLASH RAN INTO HIS OWN TROUBLE. ALTHOUGH HE WAS IN THE MIDST OF DEALING WITH ULYSSES' PREDICTIONS, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ONLY KNOWS VENOM AS A MENACE, SO HE RUSHED TO PHILLY, BELIEVING FLASH NEEDED RESCUE. A TENSE CONFRONTATION ENDED WITH VENOM ENVELOPING SPIDER-MAN!

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INSIDE THE VENOM SYMBIOTE.

NOW.

I LOVE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THE PLACE, VENOM. MINIMAL, YET HOMICIDAL.
YOU ARE CALLED SPIDER-MAN?
YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T REMEMBER ME?
UM, IS IT ME, OR DID WE JUST LEAVE EARTH?
THIS IS A MEMORY. MY MEMORY.
OF MY HOME.
PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES, HUH?
DO YOU CALL EARTH, "PLANET OF THE HUMANS"?
SOMETIMES.
THIS IS KLYNTAR.
I WAS BORN HERE. MY PEOPLE, WE'RE BRED TO BE AGENTS. AGENTS OF THE COSMOS.
NOT GONNA LIE, THIS ISN'T EVEN THE CREEPIEST EGG HUNT I'VE EVER BEEN ON.

MY FIRST HOST WAS... NOT WORTHY. HE CREATED A THIRST IN ME.
I WAS ADDICTED... NO...
...I AM ADDICTED... TO RAGE.
FLASH BROUGHT ME HOME.
I WAS CLEANSED...
...MY MEMORIES ERASED, SAVE THOSE OF MY FIRST HOST, WHO IS BURNED INTO MY VERY BEING.
NOW I FOLLOW FLASH'S EXAMPLE...
...I TAKE THINGS ONE DAY AT A TIME.
I AM NOT THE VENOM YOU ONCE KNEW. I WILL NOT ENTER YOUR MIND. I WILL NOT FEED ON YOUR RAGE.
WHAT? I DON'T HAVE ANY--
RESPECTFULLY, YOU ARE TEEMING WITH IT.
TEEMING WITH RAGE FOR ME.
IT IS DESERVED, I'M SURE.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA.
LITERALLY.
THAT SPOT YOU SEE OVER THERE?
IS THAT THE WAY OUT?
IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING. NOT ALL OF ME WAS CLEANSED.
IT IS THE REASON FLASH AND I ARE IN PHILADELPHIA.

NO-- VENOM, DON'T!
WAIT... WHAT...?!
LIKE RIDING A BIKE. WITH HALLUCINATIONS.
SPIDER-MAN, I CAN EXPLAIN--
IT'S ALL GOOD.
YOUR PARTNER HAD YOU COVERED.
I MAY NOT KNOW WHAT I DID TO YOU, SPIDER-MAN...
...BUT FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...I AM VERY SORRY.
I ONLY HOPE TO EARN YOUR FORGIVENESS IN TIME, THROUGH MY ACTIONS.
WELL, DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING.
PERHAPS THE FUTURE IS NOT AS FIXED AS WE'VE BEEN THINKING LATELY.

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT, OLD FRIEND.
ALL THIS BUSINESS WITH ULYSSES*...IT'S MADE ME MORE ON EDGE THAN I SHOULD BE.
*AS SEEN IN THE RIPPING YARN CIVIL WAR II!
EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE.
I HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER GIVING ME ONE.
ANYTHING FOR YOU, SPIDEY.
PHEW. ALL RIGHT. GUESS WE'RE NOT GONNA HAVE TO THROW DOWN AFTER--
LOOK OUT!
LOOK OUT!
JINX! BUY ME A NEW PLANE THAT YOU DESTROYED TEN MINUTES AGO.
NOW... WHO HAD TO RUIN THAT MOMENT...?

THERE-- THAT MONSTER, IT'S LIKE *HER*. SEIZE IT!
I THINK SHE'S TALKING TO YOU.

WE'VE SEEN THESE THUGS BEFORE.

OH, HEY, FLASH, YOU'RE BACK IN THERE. HOPE I LEFT ALL THE SETTINGS LIKE YOU HAD THEM.

THESE GUYS AREN'T LOOKING FOR ME OR YOU. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR--

--MANIA.

WHO?

MY... PROTÉGÉ.

AND THE CHANGES JUST KEEP ON COMING.

SHE'S POWERED BY A PART OF THE SYMBIOTE. A PART THAT DID NOT GO THROUGH THE CLEANSE.

SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL.

AND NEEDS HELP.

YOU *BOTH* NEED TO BE LOCKED AWAY AND--

SHHHHHH! THE GROWN-UPS ARE TALKING.

BOOM!

GAAAH!

RRRRRR...
THWIP!
WELL, LOOK AT US TEAMING UP LIKE CAGNEY AND LACEY. NOW, LET'S HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH--
WHERE IS MANIA?
SHE... SHE KEEPS TO THE SEWERS MOSTLY.
SO, WHY ATTACK THE BIG GUY HERE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOURS TRULY?
WE WERE HOPING TO DRAW HER OUT...
...WE BROKE THE LAW, SURE, BUT...BUT THAT DON'T JUSTIFY WHAT SHE DID TO US...
...SHE'S A MONSTER.

AND SHE'LL PAY FOR-- HLSDHGJH?!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH. I STOPPED LISTENING AFTER YOU SAID SEWERS.
HEY, IT'S UH... ME. CANCEL MY AFTERNOON.
CLIK
ALL RIGHT, VENOM, LET'S GO FIND YOUR FRIEND.
LEMME JUST GRAB MY SPARE FACE.
AND MY CONTAINMENT UNIT.
ARE YOU SURE?
SURE I'M SURE. IF WE USE THIS TO CAGE YOUR FRIEND'S SYMBIOTE THIS WHOLE THING IS A WRITE-OFF.
THANK YOU, SPIDER-MAN.
HEY, IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR YOU WRAPPING ME UP BUT NOT MURDERING ME.
SO, ONCE WE FIND HER, SHE'S CLEANSED HOW, EXACTLY?
PARTLY BY BEING ABSORBED INTO THE REST OF ME, AND THEN I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE BRINGING AN...ELIXIR OF SORTS.
YOU HAVE FRIENDS? MAN, YOU REALLY HAVE CHANGED. WHERE ARE YOUR PALS NOW?
THEY ARE OFF-WORLD, BUT...

PLANET WENB. NOW.
"...I'M SURE THEY'LL BE HERE SOON."
WE'RE NEVER MAKING IT OFF THIS PLANET.
AT LEAST WE WILL DIE WITH HONOR.
WE WERE DOING JUST FINE BEFORE THESE SO-CALLED KNIGHTS SHOWED UP.
WE'RE NOT THE ONES WHO UNLEASHED THIS HORDE.
HOW ABOUT WE KILL THESE GUYS BEFORE WE KILL EACH OTHER?
THE SKRULL IS WISE.
AND WE WOULD HAVE UNLEASHED THE SAME HORDE OURSELVES, SINCE WE'RE BOTH LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING: AN ELIXIR FOR FALLEN COMRADES...
SO LET'S STAY ALIVE UNTIL WE FIND IT, DEAL?

"DEAL."
I LOVE THAT OLD-TOWN SEWER SMELL. IT'S LIKE THE NEW CAR SMELL, BUT AWFUL.
YOU'RE MAKING BAD JOKES. I GUESS YOU'RE BACK TO BEING THE OLD YOU AGAIN.
YEAH, THE ME YOU SAW LAST TIME WAS NOT MY BEST ME.*
THIS NEW YOU IS PRETTY DIFFERENT, TOO. WORKING FOR MY OLD PAL, PETER PARKER, AT HIS MEGA-SUCCESSFUL COMPANY?
I LEAVE THE GALAXY FOR FIVE MINUTES AND EVERYTHING CHANGES.
*IT WASN'T HIM AT ALL--IT WAS DOCTOR OCTOPUS, AS SEEN IN THE THRILLING PAGES OF SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN!
CHANGE IS GOOD, RIGHT? I MEAN, BEING OFF-PLANET DID A WORLD OF AWESOME FOR YOUR DISPOSITION.
BOTH OF YOUR DISPOSITIONS, ACTUALLY.
IT'S BEEN AMAZING. BUT...
I'VE BEEN GONE TOO LONG. WAS SO BUSY TRYING TO FIX MYSELF, I FORGOT ALL THE THINGS I HAD LEFT BEHIND.
ALL THE PEOPLE I'D LEFT BEHIND.
WE'RE GONNA FIND YOUR FRIEND, PAL.
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS PART OF THE PLAN, THOUGH?
IF HORROR MOVIES HAVE TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT'S THAT: (A) WHEN THE SCARY MUSIC PLAYS, YOU SHOULD RUN, AND (B) SPLITTING UP IS USUALLY A BAD IDEA.
WE'LL BE FINE, SPIDEY.
"WE" LIKE YOU AND VENOM, OR "WE" LIKE--
WE'LL ALL BE FINE.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN AGENT OF THE COSMOS AND A SPACE KNIGHT?
AS SPACE KNIGHTS, WE DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO ANYONE.
AND WE WOULDN'T BANISH ANYONE FOR BEING A LITTLE OFF.
WE TAKE OUR KNIGHTS AS THEY ARE.
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE.
VENOM WASN'T BANISHED... BUT HE WAS...IMPURE. HE JUST NEEDS TO FINISH THE CLEANSE AND--
FOUND IT.
WHAT FOUL BEAST IS--
EASY, SNAKES...
...HE'S WITH US. AND HE'S THE REASON WE CAME FOR THIS ELIXIR.
WINK SORRY. WINK WANTED TO WARN MAHIA. WINK SAW MORE TROLLS APPROACHING.
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING THE DOOR, WINK.
HOW MANY MORE?
WINK FAIRLY CERTAIN...
"...ALL OF THEM..."

ANDI'S BEEN LIVING DOWN HERE?
ANDI... I'M SO SORRY.
ARE YOU?
SHOW ME...
...SHOW ME HOW SORRY YOU ARE!
UNFF!
AAHH!
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FIGHT BACK!
WHAM!
NO.
I DESERVE THIS, ANDI.
MY NAME IS...
WHAM!
...MANIA!
I'M SORRY, ANDI. FOR LEAVING.
AND FOR THIS...
NOW!

TIME-OUT!
AAAEEE!!!!
YAAAHH!

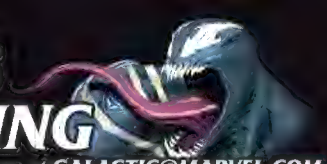
F...FLASH...?
I GOT YOU, KID. I GOT YOU.
AND I GOT YOU.
BOTH OF YOU.
ALL OF YOU?
VENOM AND MANIA ARE IN HERE. FOR NOW.
ARE THEY--?
READINGS ARE STABLE. BUT LET'S GET TO MY LAB.
YOU GOOD?
I AM NOW.

PARKER INDUSTRIES, PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.
AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE STILL GETTING SET UP, BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY HERE WHILE SHE STABILIZES. AS FOR YOUR FRIENDS...
...THEY SEEM TO BE OKAY.
Y'KNOW, FOR A PILE OF ALIEN GOO.
THE CLEANSE SEEMS TO BE WORKING.
BUT THE HELL-MARK REMAINS AN ISSUE.
MAYBE PARKER INDUSTRIES' R&D CREW CAN MAKE A TOPICAL CREAM FOR THAT.
THANKS, BUT MY FRIENDS ARE BRINGING ME WHAT I NEED. WHAT VENOM NEEDS.
SPIDER-MAN... HONESTLY, THANK YOU. AND THANK PETER FOR ME WHEN YOU SEE HIM.
IT'S ALREADY DONE.
I GOTTA GET BACK TO NEW YORK. ULYSSES HAD ANOTHER VISION.
I HOPE THIS ONE INVOLVES DESSERT. CAN'T BELIEVE I CAME ALL THE WAY TO PHILLY AND DIDN'T GET ONE TASTYKAKE...

I'M NOT LEAVING YOU 'TIL WE GET THIS FIXED.
...FLASH...
HEY, HOW ARE THINGS IN THERE?
...THE SYMBIOTE... I HAVE CLEANSED IT. BUT THE HELL-MARK...
I KNOW. TARNA AND THE OTHERS WILL BE BACK SOON. WE'LL GET YOU THE ELIXIR--
...MANIA... IT...IT'S SO AFRAID...
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO FEAR FROM US, WE'RE HERE TO HELP.
...NO, FLASH...IT...IT IS NOT AFRAID OF US...
...IT...IT'S AFRAID...

...IT'S AFRAID OF ANDI.
TO BE CONTINUED...

TONGUES ARE WAGGING



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YOU wanted her back, WE wanted her back, and now here she is...MANIA! Big as life and extra Hell-Marky! Seems like since we and Flash last saw her things haven't necessarily gone too well for Andi. Will Flash's new friends make it to Earth in time to save Andi? We'll have to wait until next month for the answer to that question, but in the meantime, Robbie has some answers for your emails! Take it away, Robbie!

Hey VENOM team,

Just done reading issue #10 of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT and again, I'm in awe. I loved the way you brought back Mania and are tying in an arc that I thought was lost when Agent Venom's run got canceled. It basically feels like a straight continuation from that storyline, aside from a few Guardians of the Galaxy here and there. Even though I've seen the Marvel Now 2.0 previews featuring another Venom comic, I hope it's as good as this one is shaping up to be.

With love,
The biggest Venom fan,
Robert Hammond

Hey, Robert (great name, btw), we're really glad you enjoyed issue #10 of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT! When we first talked about making this book, one of the things we all wanted to do was call back to the great moments in Agent Venom and bring back Mania. She's important to Venom and Flash's characters, so we're excited she's back, too!

Hey guys,

I have always been a longtime fan of Venom. Seeing him become one of the good guys and watching the relationship between Flash and Venom develop over these past years has been amazing. I know there is going to be a change with Venom soon, and it may come as tough pill to swallow. Will Venom stay one of the good guys? Will we see Venom tote an assault rifle again?

We can't spoil what's to come, but there's big plans for Venom in the Marvel Universe, and tons of people working on it who love the character bringing the next version of the comic to life. Venom forever!

I just wanted to compliment the entire team working on VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT; they have crafted a mighty fine book. I am especially impressed with the artwork of Ariel Olivetti--every drawing pops!--and will be looking for his name on future titles.

I look forward to continuing the adventure each month with Venom/Flash and 803--absolutely love his "death wish" and the banter that goes with it--along with Pik Rollo and everyone else picked up along the way. Keep up the great work!

Matt McDill
Fredericksburg, VA

Thanks so much, Matt--and Ariel is the best! We're big fans of Flash's "Space Crew" as well, and sure hope 803 and the gang survive the last issue!

I just finished reading VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT #9 and just had to write and say, wow! Just wow! What a strong and powerful story! That one was truly a masterpiece; keep up the great work!

Matt McDill
Fredericksburg, VA

You sent us two letters, Matt? That means we love you twice as much! Many thanks for these kind words about VENOM. We love working on this book, so it means so much to hear it means so much to you. Thank you!

First things first. I love the Venom character in and of itself, but I've had a hard time finding comic book stores in Denmark. Venom was the whole reason for me wanting to get back into the Marvel Universe. I'm really becoming addicted to VENOM and I can't wait for the next issue.

Yours truly,
Tia

We're so happy you found VENOM, Tia, and we can't wait for you to see the next issue, too--and hope you find even more Marvel Comics to enjoy soon!

To the geniuses behind VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT, I have been huge fan of Venom, like many other fans, since the thought of him appeared on paper. It's his ability to make you love him and hate him, his unpredictability and versatility in many different storylines. That being said, there have been a few times I was disappointed in the use of this iconic symbiote. This is NOT one of those times. The wide range of emotions you've caused has me in love. The writing, the artwork, and the imagination are top-notch. When I thought it couldn't possibly get any better, I read issue #10 and you bring back someone I felt was lost in the history of Venom, MANIA! I can't wait to see what's to come.

Justin Sacks
Mansfield, MA

Well, we're glad we didn't let you down, Justin, and are thrilled you were as happy as we were to see Mania back where she belongs--in a Marvel comic book! Let us know what you think of what happens next!

Thanks, Robbie! And thanks to all of you amazing Venom fans! Keep the letters coming, hearing from all of you means the world to us, and we'll see you next month for the symbiotastic conclusion to VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT!

Stay Weird!

Jake T.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

VENOM SPACE KNIGHT #13

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Once Eugene "Flash" Thompson got his chance to be a hero, he refused to give it up. When he lost both legs serving his country, Flash formed a symbiotic bond with a body-morphing alien parasite that enabled him to continue serving others. Later, as one of the Guardians of the Galaxy, his Klyntar symbiote was purified on its home planet and Flash was drafted to serve as an Agent of the Cosmos, answering prayers for help from across the universe. Now, Flash is swashbuckling his way across the universe as

VENOM
SPACE KNIGHT

Duty to his friends has brought Flash back to Earth. His former student Andrea Benton is the bearer of a part of the Venom symbiote known as Mania, who is the bearer of a Hell-Mark. Mania needs to be cleansed so Venom can master his rage, and so Andi can regain control of her life. Across the galaxy, 803, Tama, Iqa, and Pik and Hilla Rollo found a restorative elixir to cure Andi, as well as some new allies in the Space Knights. Hopefully they'll reach Earth soon; Spider-Man helped separate Mania and Andi, but Flash has just realized the Hell-Mark isn't only affecting Mania...it also has Andi under its control!

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PHILADELPHIA. BEFORE.
SO...WHEN WILL YOU BE BACK?
HONESTLY? I DON'T KNOW.
CAP WANTS ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE GUARDIANS. AND WHEN CAP CALLS...
...YOU SCREEN IT?
WE'VE DUG THROUGH EVERY LORE BOOK--THERE'S NOTHING ON "THE DESCENT."
BUT YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING THE HELL-MARK ON MANIA IN CHECK.
MAYBE... MAYBE THINGS ARE GONNA BE OKAY.
YEAH. I MEAN...I'VE BEEN GOOD. IT'S BEEN GOOD.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
MAYBE THINGS *WILL* BE OKAY, COACH.

PARKER INDUSTRIES, PHILADELPHIA BRANCH. NOW.
WELCOME HOME... COACH.

ANDI, STOP, THIS ISN'T--
THE HELL-MARK MADE ITS CHOICE...
...BURNED THROUGH THE SYMBIOTE...
...TO WHERE IT BELONGS...
...WITH ME!
NOW BRING ME BACK EVERY OUNCE OF MY SYMBIOTE, DEMONS.
AND VENOM'S AS WELL.
BOOM!

I TOLD HER EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE OKAY.
I LIED TO ANDI.
BUT MOST OF ALL I LIED TO MYSELF.
I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT HER ON HER OWN.
I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LEFT. PERIOD.
I CAN MAKE THIS RIGHT.
I CAN MAKE THIS--
AAARGH!
SLAM!

GOTTA GET RID OF THESE DEMONS.
KRSSH
SPLAT
NOT BAD, COACH...

...JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
RRRRAAAAAA!
ANDI, DON'T--
DON'T WORRY, COACH...
...I'LL KEEP VENOM WARM FOR YOU.
BOOM!
AAAH!

SORRY WE'RE LATE, FLASH.
ARE YOU STILL FUNCTIONAL, SIR?
AS MUCH AS I'LL EVER BE.
HEY, WELCOME TO MY PLANET.
IT HAS A FOUL ODOR AND FEELS UNSTABLE.
I LIKE IT.
THANKS.
WHERE DID--
YOUR ASSAILANT WAS BLASTED OVER THAT WAY, SIR...
...BUT SHE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

AND YOU GUYS ARE...
SPACE KNIGHTS. I'M MAHIA.
NAME'S PUNCH.
J'K.
WHO CARES ABOUT NAMES-- WHERE'D THAT CRAZY LADY GO?
SHE'S NOT CRAZY. SHE'S MY FRIEND.
THE HELL-MARK THAT WAS BURNED ONTO HER SYMBIOTE HAS MOVED TO HER.
SHE THINKS SHE'S IN CONTROL, BUT SHE'S NOT. I KNOW THE FEELING.
I'M HOPING YOU FOUND--
HERE.
IT SEEMED TO HELP WINK, A FRIEND OF OURS. HOPEFULLY THIS CAN HELP YOURS.
IT ISN'T A CURE, THOUGH. IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY.
THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH.
UM, ANYBODY ELSE FEEL--
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

BOOM

HOLD FAST, I'LL SUMMON THIS PLANET'S--

GAHHH!

GRAB IQA, PIK.

WHAT FOR?

THROW HER AT THE GIANT DEMON'S CRYSTAL THINGIE.

MAKE HER FLY, MOTHER!

GOOD LUCK, IQA.

I NEED NO LUCK, PIK. I HAVE...

ROOOAAAAR!

BOOM!
NOOO!
...THE BLADE OF FIRE AND RAGE!
KRAK SMSH
THE BEAST... IT'S BREAKING APART...WHAT IS THIS--?
CLAW
LIKE I SAID...THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH.
KR-SMASH

OKAY, STICK CLOSE. WE GOT THIS.
RESPECTFULLY, SIR, I THINK THE END IS FINALLY HERE. I AM GRATEFUL WE SHALL EXPERIENCE IT TOGETHER.
C'MON, COACH. GIVE UP.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE BEST AT.
WHA--
SLAM!

WINK HUNGRY.
MAN, YOU SPACE KNIGHTS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.
OKAY, ANDI...

...ENOUGH!
NO! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
I HATE YOU!
I KNOW, ANDI. I HATE ME, TOO.
AND YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
BUT I'M GONNA MAKE IT RIGHT.
AAAH!
SHUNK
I DON'T... I DON'T WANT... I DON'T WANT TO BE ANGRY ANYMORE...

CAF
ANDI... ANDI, ARE YOU--
OH...OH, NO...WHAT... WHAT HAVE I DONE...
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KID.
IT'S MINE.
NO, IT'S THE HELL-MARK'S FAULT.
THAT'S ON ME, TOO.
DID THAT...DID THAT CURE ME?
IT'S A TEMPORARY FIX.
BUT WE'LL FIGURE THE REST OUT...
...TOGETHER.

I'M NOT GOING BACK TO THE AGENTS OF THE COSMOS.
LEMME GUESS, TARNA, YOU'RE BECOMING A SPACE KNIGHT?
GOING ON THIS...ADVENTURE... WITH YOU MADE ME REALIZE I WANT TO ANSWER TO NO ONE BUT MYSELF.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SYMBIOTE?
I SHALL MISS MY PARTNER. BUT I HOPE THAT HE CAN FIND HIS OWN PATH AS WELL.
THANKS, TARNA. FOR EVERYTHING.
EVERYONE IN YOUR GROUP IS COMING WITH US, FLASH.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AS WELL.
I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I MIGHT JUST DO THAT DOWN THE LINE...
...BUT I HAVE THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF HERE FIRST.

IQA, LISTEN--
YOUR PLACE IN MY HUSBAND STABLE REMAINS, FLASH THOMPSON.
DULY NOTED.
I AM NOT KISSING YOU.
BUT THE ROLLOS ARE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT.
AND I'M FOREVER IN YOURS.

WHAT'S NEXT, SIR?
THAT'S UP TO YOU, 803.
BUT I AM IN YOUR SERVICE--
I'M ONLY SAYING THIS ONE LAST TIME.
BUT I HOPE YOU HEAR IT.
YOU ARE FREE.
I WILL MISS YOU, SIR.
PROVE IT... BY OUTLIVING US ALL.
AS YOU WISH.

ANDI CATCHES ME UP.
EVERYTHING WAS FINE.
BUT HER ANGER GOT THE BEST OF HER.
THE HELL-MARK SENSED A BETTER ALLY, AND SHIFTED TO HER.
SO YEAH, THAT DESCENT BUSINESS IS STILL OUT THERE.
AAAAAND I'M CURSED. THE END.
IT'S NOT THE END, KID. NOT NOW. NOT EVER.
LONG LIVE VENOM. AND LONG LIVE MANIA.
NOW. LET'S GO DO SOME GOOD.
YOU'RE SUCH A DORK.
DO ME A FAVOR, THOUGH. CAN YOU SHIFT BACK TO THE OLD LOOK? JUST FOR TODAY?
I THINK I LIKE THAT ONE BETTER.
FOR YOU, KID...

...ANYTHING.
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That was incredible.
Just finished issue #11, and what can I say other than, wow. Venom is my favorite Marvel character, and I love Flash Thompson--I've been following him since Rick Remender held the reins, and I loved the whole Agent Venom run, but I love VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT 100 times more. Especially since you've brought back Mania, as that was the biggest cliffhanger of my life, but when Spider-Man showed up in issue #11, I exploded with excitement.
Robbie Thompson, (props on the last name, btw) please keep writing VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT forever.

Liam Mulholland

Thank you for the kind words about Issue #11, Liam, we had so much fun making that comic. We're all big fans of Remender and company's run on VENOM as well--as you can see from the last page of issue #13! And while you hold in your hands the last issue of VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT, fear not: you'll be seeing more of Venom and Mania in Marvel Comics soon!

Hey, everybody working on VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT!

Thank you! Issue #11 was awesome, and it was great to see another Venom vs. Spidey brawl!! I'm enjoying the aspect of the symbiote not remembering who has been the host before Flash! This shall make what's going to happen next surprising to just about all of us!

Great job to everybody,
Brytton Williams

Thanks so much, Brytton! Have to give credit to Editor Jake Thomas for the Venom vs. Spidey brawl. When we had our CIVIL WAR II call, he pitched those magical words, and we were off to the races! Always great to see those two tangle!

Hey guys and gals,

Just wanted to say wow, just wow to that ending in issue #12--didn't see that coming. Even though this series is close to its end, I want to thank you all for the love you've shown Venom while writing and drawing him. I was hoping for that reveal of Spider-Man as Peter to Flash in this issue like in SECRET WARS SPIDER-ISLAND, but maybe that'll be a thing later on? Who knows? So anyway, again, thank you for all the work that was put into this series, and since SPACE KNIGHT is coming to an end, maybe there'll be an appearance from a certain symbiote in the new VENOM. Can't wait to read the final issue next month.

With love,
Robert Hammond

Hey Robert, really appreciate your letter about VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT. We love Venom, too, and it's great to hear you enjoyed the ending of issue #12--hope you enjoy the finale in issue #13! As for Peter and Flash, love to see that scene, too, though personally, I'd love to see that revelation in the pages of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, at the hands of Sir Dan Slott. And though we're sad to see VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT come to an end, Venom will be back in the thrilling new book, appropriately titled: VENOM.

Hey, Venomanics!
Thank you for the fun ride that was VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT! I'm bummed that it's ending. You guys did a fantastic job juggling what was established in VENOM and GOTG and still giving us something new and fun! Giving the symbiote a personality and dialogue was great! I'm looking forward to the finale and to seeing the next chapter in Venom's history!

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www.thevenomsite.com

Greetings, thevenomsite.com! First, big thanks for all the love and support you show all the Symbiotes in the Marvel Universe on your site. Second, we're bummed VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT is ending, too, but there is SO MUCH more Venom goodness coming your way soon! Let us know what you think of the last issue of VSK!

Dear Readers,

And so our story has come to its conclusion. I know, I'm sad, too! But not to worry, Venom fans--Venom will return to the pages of Marvel Comics in a kickass solo book very, very soon!

I wanted to say a quick thanks to the entire creative team on this book. The incredible Ariel Olivetti did an amazing job launching this title, and the book was then bolstered by a series of outstanding artists, Kim Jacinto, R. B. Silva, Ario Anindito, Gerardo Sandoval, Java Tartaglia, Andrew Crossley, Dono Sánchez Almara, Zach Howard, and Nelson Dániel. The book's MVP was hands down the absolutely brilliant Joe Caramagna, who's lettering in every single issue, in every single panel, was fantastic and brought the book and the characters' voices to life.

I also want to thank Editor Jake Thomas for giving me the chance to write this book. Being a writer as well, Jake really understood how to push me to tell the best stories we could, and really taught me a lot about writing comics. I also want to thank Assistant Editor Kathleen Wisneski for all of her wonderful ideas, unending patience, and hard work. Jake and Kathleen built a dream team of artists to work on this book (see above!) and their dedication and passion for the material made each issue sing and made working on this book so much fun.

Speaking of fun...my day job is working in television, and on most shows I've worked on, writers' rooms usually end up creating a story for a whole other show, something to play around with to help break up the day and make things fun. Well, working on VENOM was no different. I don't quite remember the exact details of how we got to where we got to with our "side project," but I am thrilled with the result:

SMALL-BUSINESS VENOM.

Original art by Carlos Lao

Yeah, that's right. Just picture it: Venom, in a cardigan, in a small, cramped apartment, just trying to launch his mail-order business. Just trying to launch his dream! No fighting. No internal struggles. No rage blackouts. Just a slice-of-life story featuring Venom hard at work trying to make his small business take off: getting up each morning, making tea, licking envelopes, sending out packages, dealing with invoices, tracking down 1099s. We have it mapped out to about fifty issues so far, and that's not including Annuals. So, if you'd love to see SMALL-BUSINESS VENOM as much as we do, please send your letters/tweets/fanart to Marvel Comics!

In all seriousness (not that I'm not serious about SMALL-BUSINESS VENOM), I want to thank you, dear readers, and fellow Venom fans, for buying and supporting this book. It was an absolute joy to work on, and I'm eternally grateful you gave us a shot.

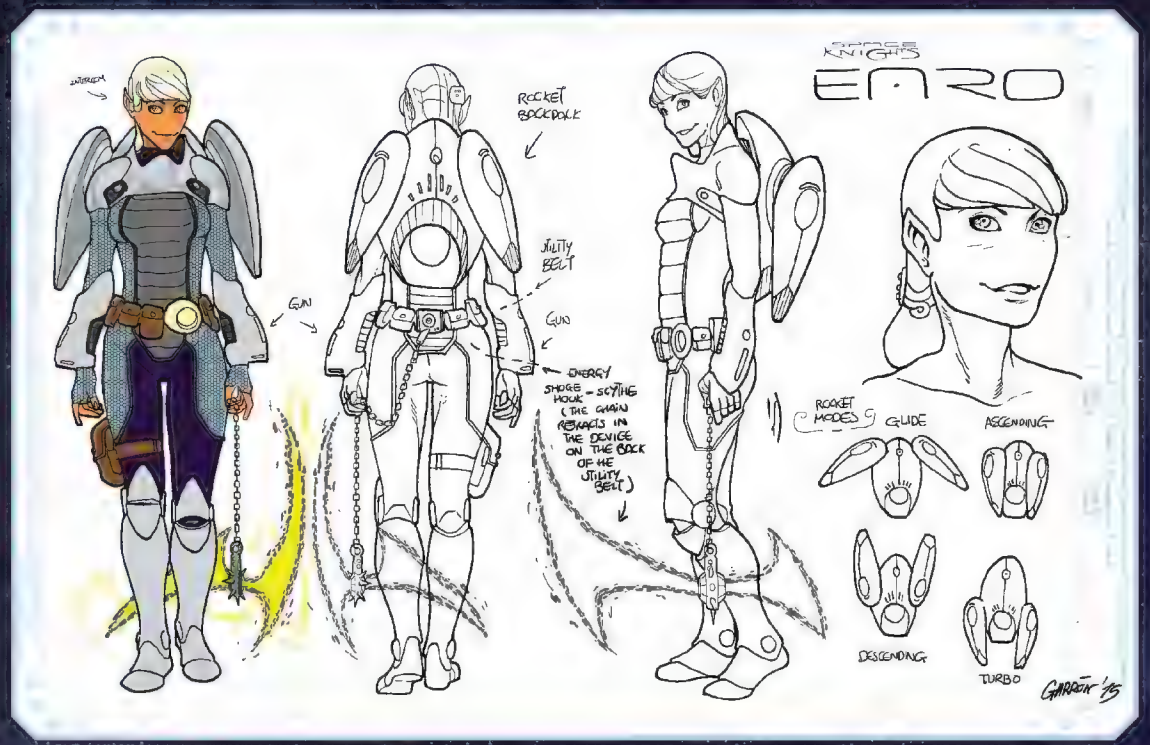
Venom-ly,
Robbie Thompson

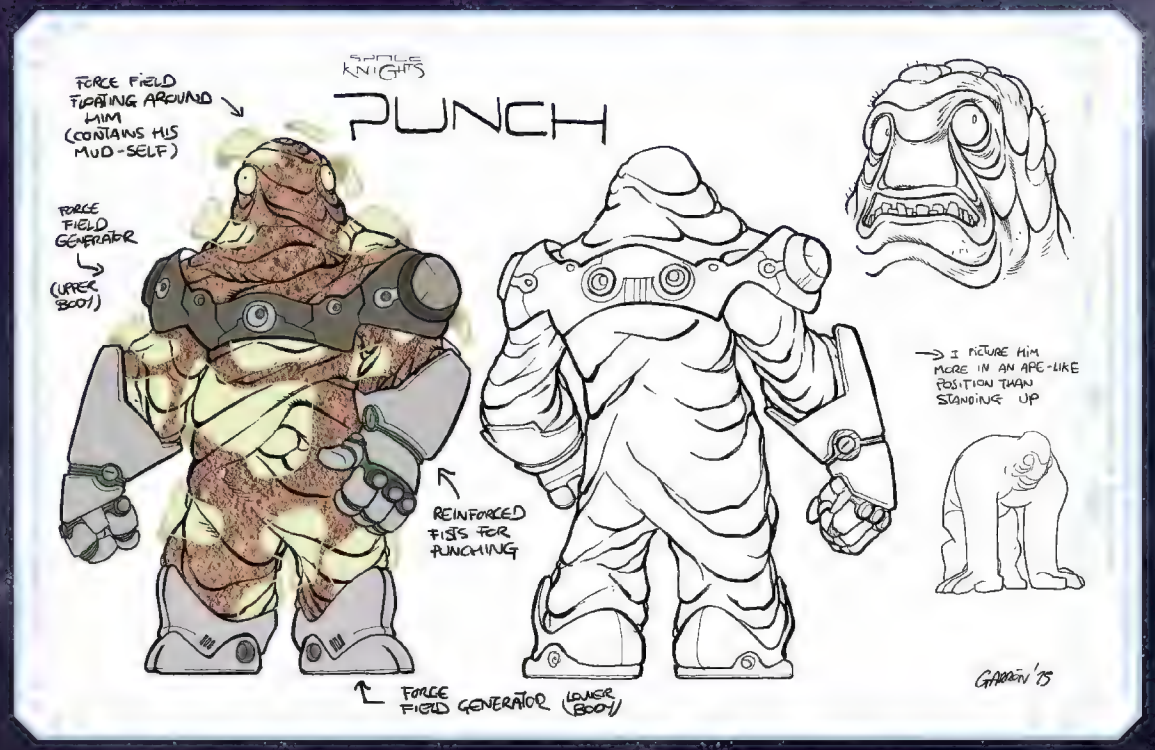
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

ON SALE

#11 variant by **GERADO SANDOVAL**

Space Knights designs by **JAVIER GARRON**

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PUNCH
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FORCE FIELD GENERATOR (UPPER BOOT)
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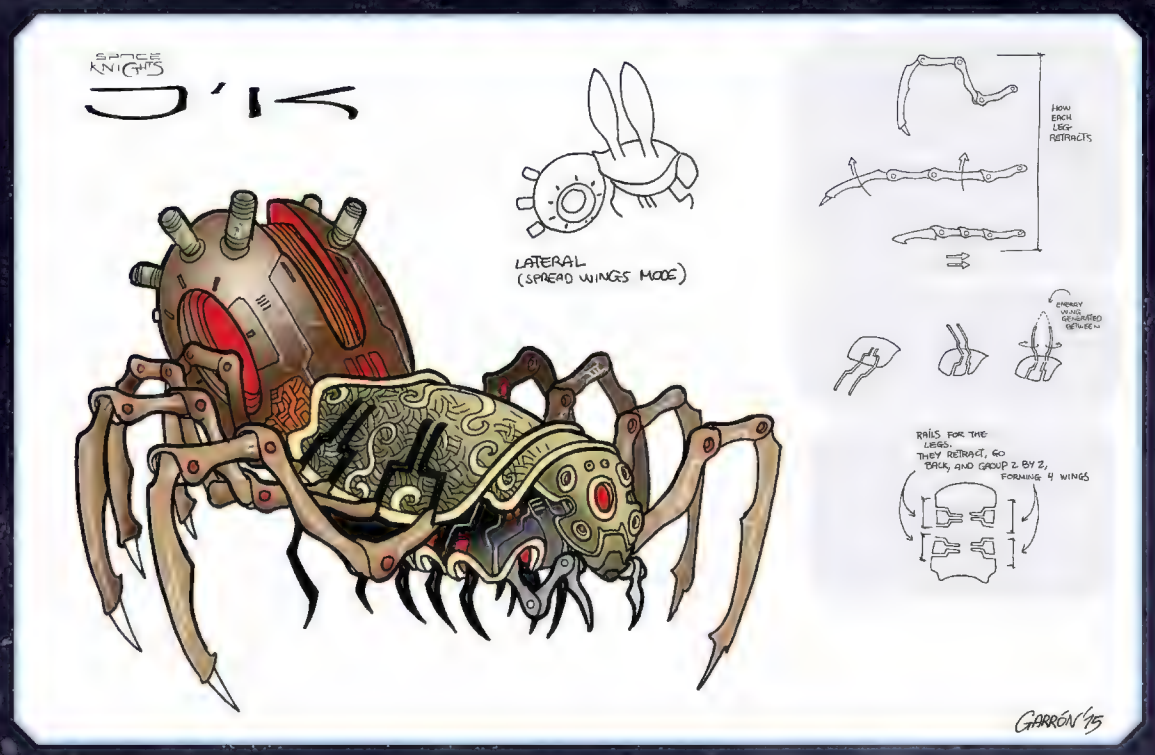
FORCE FIELD GENERATOR (LOWER BOOT)
GARRÓN '15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HOW EACH LEG RETRACTS
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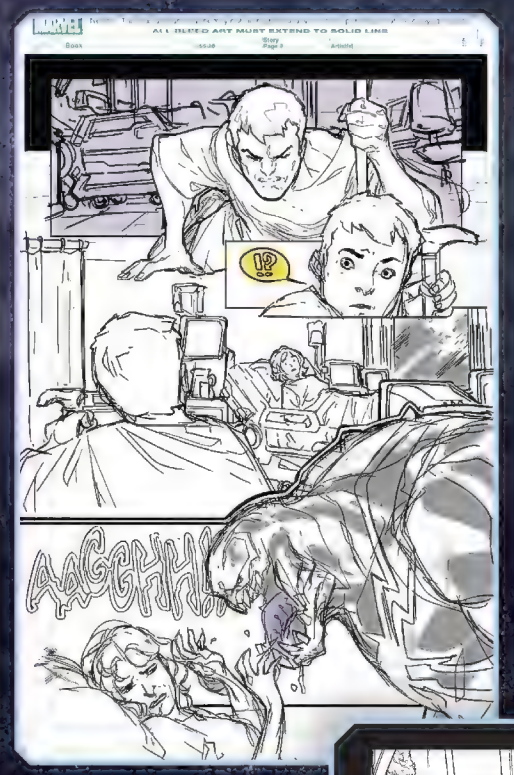
GARRÓN '15



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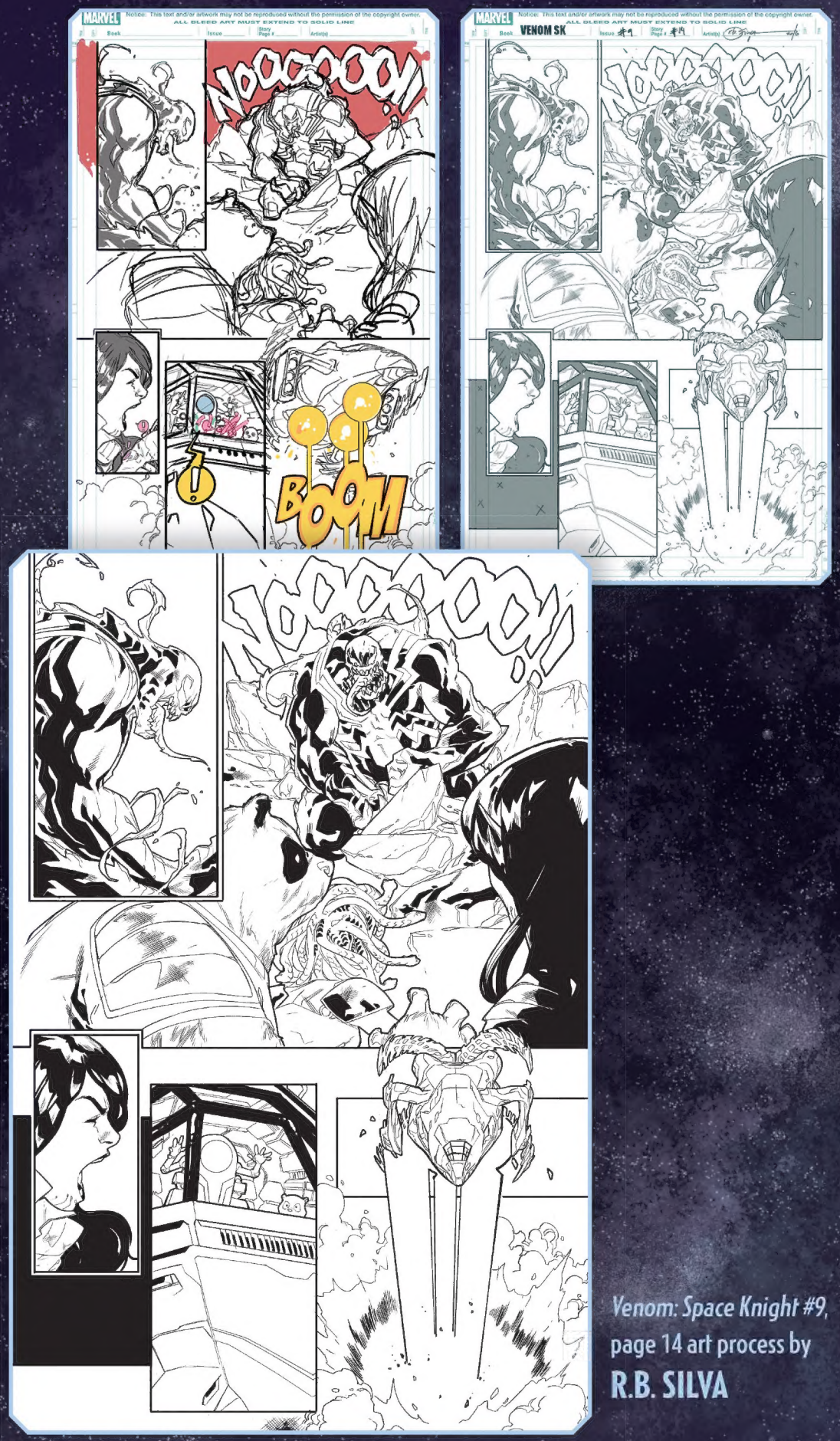

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Venom: Space Knight #9, page 15 art process by **R.B. SILVA**

Venom: Space Knight #12
cover process by
ZACH HOWARD

VENOM'S NEW CAREER AS AN AGENT OF THE COSMOS CONTINUES WITH THE

HUNT FOR BLACK OCTOBER!

FLASH THOMPSON HAS BEEN LEARNING QUICKLY on the job as a space knight in symbiote armor, helping the hopeless and impressing the oppressed across the galaxy. He's even picked up a few new pals along the way. But even they might not be enough to stop what's coming. Because when his symbiotic relationship becomes one of hunter and prey, it's Flash season! And when he comes face-to-face with his Klyntar, things get ugly. If there's any hope of repairing this relationship, Flash will need all the help he can get – but when he returns home to Civil War II, one of his oldest friends will be his enemy! You've never seen Spidey vs. Venom like this!

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